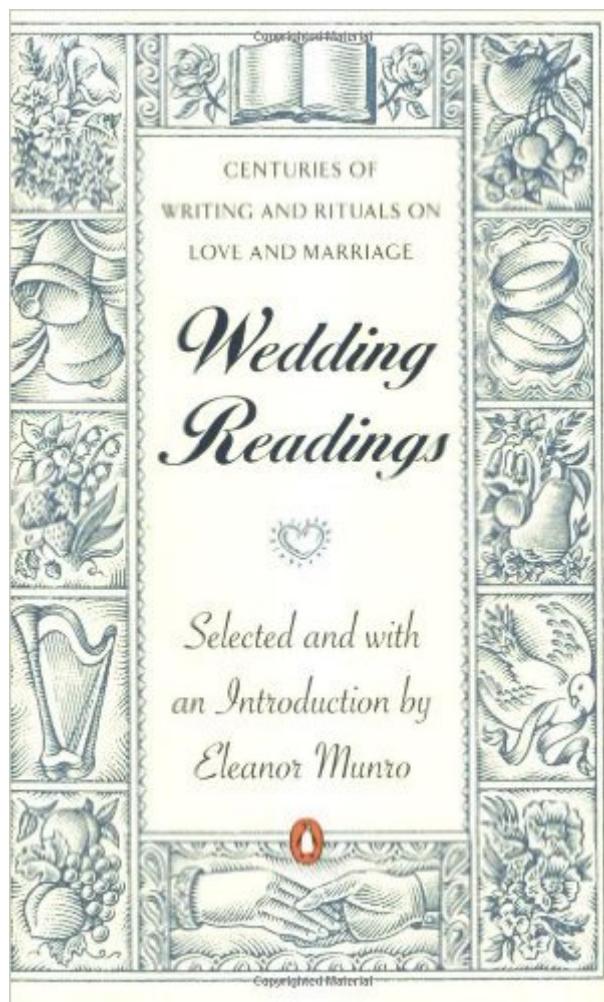


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# Wedding Readings: Centuries Of Writing And Rituals On Love And Marriage



## **Synopsis**

This rich collection of writings on the nature of love and commitment has long delighted brides and grooms of every denomination. Culled from both sacred and secular texts, and suitable for either traditional or informal wedding ceremonies, these selections might be included in Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, interfaith, and non-denominational exchanges of vows. Among the passages appropriate for readings by parents, friends, or the bride and groom are selections from Plato and Sappho, Rilke and Auden, Ecclesiastes and Euripedes, Shakespeare and Donne, pascal and Montaigne, Emily Dickinson and Anne Morrow Lindbergh. There are love songs from the Aztecs and Eskimos, Hindu and African wedding prayers, a Buddhist marriage homily, a Shaker hymn, and Irish blessing, excerpts from Coptic Orthodox and Greek Orthodox marriage services, and passages from the Old and New Testaments, some familiar, some surprising. With myriad choices, Wedding Readings will help you add a special, personal touch to your marriage ceremony.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I really enjoyed all the readings this book included. It has religious and non religious readings. It includes sonnets, love poems and passages from the Bible. If you want some alternative selections for your ceremony, I definately recommend this book. Whether you are Jewish, Christian or Atheist this book really has something for everyone. Some of the readings they include in this book would be great to be recited at the reception, or be placed in your wedding program or invitation. I would recommend reading this book from cover to cover so that you don't miss any of the special passages that you may want to incorporate!

I'm giving this a low score because the cover claims that the selections are specifically for wedding readings, both traditional and informal. I agree with another reviewer: the few excerpts I liked and could use in a ceremony all appeared in other collections. I'd recommend this only to someone who is reading about love and marriage for a peek into other times and traditions...not to gather readings for a ceremony. The texts were certainly interesting and educational, but most are only appropriate for self-consciously nontraditional events, very brave readers, and highly literate guests. Lots of archaic language and rather overwrought expressions of love. I'm planning a small, casual wedding and many of the guests are writers also. I'd be embarrassed to have most of these readings presented, so I'm returning my copy. If you're researching wedding rituals or are looking for quotes for an article on commitment through the ages, this might be good for you. If you're a busy-wedding-planning bride looking for some readings that will engage but not challenge your guests, I'd recommend looking at other guides.

An excellent collection of readings from great literature, and various cultures and religions. With so many good selections and such variety, the book nears a one-stop shopping resource for readings. Makes you want to have more than one ceremony! The author provides some subtle suggestion/guidance by grouping readings according to themes and speakers.

This book is just packed with readings drawn from great literature. Some are long, some are short--all are interesting and many make good candidates for inclusion in a wedding ceremony. The book is divided into sections, covering different "themes" relating to love and marriage. Some are even a little racy! At the end, Munro suggests some ideal reading for various members of the family and bridal party. I think those planning a wedding and thinking about the meaning of marriage will find this a good book. The passages are moving and thought-provoking, and if you're looking for a good wedding reading you're sure to find one here.

I thought most of these readings were interesting, but only about 15 of them were a possibility to read in front of my guests. These I found in many other sources. So, it's OK but you get more for your money in some other compilation books.

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The book itself is just fine, content-wise, if a little out of date. I'm a wedding officiant, and couples always ask me for ideas for readings or other content, so this adds nicely to my repertoire. The book DID arrive without a cover, which was not mentioned in the item description at all.

I've lost track of the number of weddings that I've conducted or assisted using this book. My wife and I originally used it to find readings for our own wedding 16 years ago. Since then, I've given it to many about-to-be-wedded couples, and they inevitably love it. An uncommonly thoughtful and wide selection of great quotes & readings.

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