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# The Perfect Wedding Reception: Stylish Ideas For Every Season



## Synopsis

Once couples decide to say "I do" there are dozens and dozens of decisions to be made. It's hard to know where to begin and even more difficult to fit all the dozens of details together into one wonderful event. Thankfully Maria McBride-Mellinger, author of acclaimed bridal books, stylishly illustrates just how to create a dreamy reception that will be forever memorable. *The Perfect Wedding Reception* features exquisite wedding celebrations designed by Maria McBride-Mellinger that capture the magic of each season in refreshing, contemporary style. The nuptial adventure begins in a formal spring garden but soon its off to a beach front for a fanciful summer wedding, to a revolutionary era stone barn for a rustic fall wedding and finally to a gracious country home for a candle lit winter wedding feast. Glorious photos of each location, flowers, menu selections, table details, centerpieces, bouquets, invitations, wedding cakes and favors tell the story of each wedding with helpful tips and most importantly McBride-Mellinger's favorite resources from around the country that will actually help bring your wedding reception to life. Whatever season you choose to marry Maria McBride-Mellinger offers delightful flourishes to tempt every couple as they plan the party of their lives and create memories meant to last a lifetime.

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## Customer Reviews

Maria McBride is internationally recognized as a wedding style guru. She produces special events and her work appears in *Brides* magazine where she is currently the Wedding Style Director. Additionally, she has written columns for *InStyle* and *Country Home*, and her work has been

featured on Brides.com, TheKnot.com, BizBash.com, WeddingChannel.com, and on her own site, MariaMcBride.com. McBride has also been a featured guest on the Today show and Movie & A Makeover. She is the author of the series of books, The Perfect Wedding, The Perfect Wedding Reception, and The Perfect Wedding Details.

My daughter is getting married in June and with the help of this book I was able to have several questions answered. The wedding is going to be beautiful thanks to the ideas that are shared in the book. I am a calligrapher and there are plenty of tips I will be using for the wedding. The pictures are really breath taking and even though the last review was in 2001 today the creations featured are still beautiful! This book is out of print but the time of beautiful designs and creations will live on! I appreciate the fact that ideas are offered for all of the seasons. You will not go wrong get the book...it's worth the price and the suggestions are priceless! "The Perfect Wedding Reception..." has found its place on my library shelf and what a treasure it is!

I wanted to get some sort of book for ideas because all that the brick-thick bridal magazines do is show you wedding gown after wedding gown with the occasional bridesmaids gown thrown in for variety. I wanted ideas for place settings, place cards, flower arrangements, cakes, favors, and even menus and was getting frustrated. When I ordered this book, I was a little concerned because it is advertised as a reception for each of the four seasons. I'm having a winter wedding, so I was thinking "Oh Great- I'm only going to be able to use a fourth of this book." I was WRONG! Generally speaking this book manages to give you ideas for how to give your wedding (or any formal event) the \*feel\* of the season, but also gives you detailed ideas that may generalize throughout the year. For example: The spring bouquet with some modification would be beautiful for my December bouquet. In addition to the seasonal advice, there are sections called "Fine points" dealing with general details such as "confections" (desserts), table accents (for formal, semi-formal and informal occasions), flowers, etc. The ideas that seem to be lacking in the literally foot-tall stack of bridal magazines are here in this book. Yes, some of the ideas in the book are sorta pricey, but some are less pricey and very do-it-yourself (e.g. Juniper shrubs in galvanized tin buckets, covering the topsoil with moss and tying a silver mesh ribbon around the trunk- VERY cute, and highly do-able). I highly recommend this book! I do wish there were a book for each of the seasons, but until then, don't be afraid of this one!

This book has wonderful pictures of four weddings, one in each season. The pictures are truly

extraordinary, but they are almost exclusively of these four weddings, so there aren't tons of different ideas for each season, rather one "theme" idea for each season. One thing that disappointed me was that her summer wedding was a casual one on the beach, so if you want more formal ideas for a summer wedding you are out of luck. Like other reviewers have said, most of these perfect presentations would be completely out of a lot of people's price range, but you could definitely pull a few ideas that you loved from her spreads and make it work on a smaller budget. By and large this is a good supplementary book on reception ideas, with tons of photos and some good "idea" text (as opposed to "how-to" text.)

The weddings photographed in this book are really over-the-top (dollar). Which is not to say they aren't fun to look at and incredibly imaginative and beautiful. While the average bride doesn't spend money on 40 custom covered silk seat cushions to match the custom tent shading the cake, the professional process the designers went through thinking out the "look" of each wedding is very useful. It taught me to stop seeing every choice by itself and start visualizing our upcoming event as a whole concept. Fun for the ideas and a peek into how the super rich get married.

My daughter transformed a church youth building into a gorgeous reception with the help of the many ideas from this book. Great photos as well. We accomplished the unthinkable, so that the guests didn't have to travel to a casino that was too pricey. It was the best reception.

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suggests comments and ideas of were of good quality a good read and would recommend this to the future loving couple

I truly was looking forward to getting this book to help me plan my winter wedding reception. I was very disappointed in what I received. This book is unrealistic for DIY brides.

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