

The Bride To Be Book A Journal Of Memories From The Proposal To I Do

A year's worth of novellas from twelve inspirational romance authors. Happily ever after guaranteed. What started as a whim turned into an accidental—and very public—engagement. Can Layla and Seth keep up the façade in Chapel Springs this holiday season—for the sake of her career . . . and his heart? Under normal circumstances, Seth Murphy—the best friend of Layla O'Reilly's ex-fiancé—would be the last person she'd marry. But the news of their upcoming (and phony) nuptials convinces a big client that Layla may be high-society enough to work for his agency—a coup that would put her fledgling home-staging business on the map. Seth has secretly loved Layla for years, even when she was dating his best friend. Maybe she'll never forgive him for the way he hurt her back then, but he has to try. And Layla is willing to keep up their engagement farce until she's landed her client. For Layla, it's the chance to save her career. But for Seth, it's his last chance to win her heart. “Denise Hunter knows how to warm up an inspirational romance with sizzling chemistry. You'll fall in love with this December wedding story!” —Kristin Billerbeck, bestselling author of *What a Girl Wants*

He is a spoiled playboy prince whose family is in desperate need of money. She's an American heiress who can only get her inheritance through marriage. According to their families they are a perfect match. According to each other, arranged marriages have no place in modern times and this could not possibly work. But Prince Galahad "Gale" of Ersovia is bound by duty to obey the crown anyway. Odette Wyntor doesn't give a damn, she doesn't want to get married. Can he change her mind? Can she even handle what it means to be royal, if he did? *The Prince's Bride* is Part 1 of a 2 part series. Part 2 arrives a month later.

A contemporary guide for today's mother of the bride! Congratulations! Your daughter is engaged! Now it's time to start planning the big event. *The Mother of the Bride Guide* will help you get your daughter down the aisle in style. With expert guidance every step of the way, wedding planner Katie Martin explains all you need to know about: Getting the most out of Pinterest and wedding-planning sites Meeting the future in-laws Navigating sticky situations, like ex-spouses and former family members Mastering social media etiquette Knowing when to speak up--and when to keep quiet! This practical guide covers everything you need to make sure your daughter has the perfect--and stress-free--day of her dreams. Ellie So here's the deal. I'm sixteen and I'm getting married. Super weird, I know. My dad is a cattle rancher in Montana. Or he was, until he died suddenly, leaving me an orphan (which is still a thing). I'm sixteen months away from being a legal adult, so I have two choices. Foster home, or married. To Jake Talley. The foreman of the ranch and my best friend. It's legal. It solves all my problems. Except now I'm living with Riverbend's hottest cowboy - my husband (in name

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only of course) - and I'm still in high school. Trust me, no one wants to date Weird Married Ellie. But it's cool. All we have to do is wait it out until I'm eighteen and we'll get a divorce. Then Jake and I will go back to being normal. We've got this. Right? Jake I'm twenty-six, and I never saw this coming. Married. To a kid I've known her whole life. But there was no way in hell I was going to let her live at a foster home, instead of at the ranch where she belongs. Sure we're married but it's not real. Just a piece of paper. My girlfriend is furious but I know I'm doing the right thing - for Ellie. For sixteen months, it's me and her against the world - until the divorce. No big deal. Or is it? This book includes the entire three book series, The Bride, The Wife and The Lover.

Florist Emma Grant despairs of ever finding Mr. Right, until she develops feelings for Jack Cooke, an architect who works closely with her and her colleagues at Vows wedding planning.

The first book from Upright Citizens Brigade comedian Laura Willcox, *I AM BRIDE* is a hysterical spoof of all the lavish, ridiculous, and stressful things a bride deals with when planning her BIG DAY. **As seen on The New Yorker SHOUTS and Refinery29!** In this bridal gag gift, Laura Willcox writes in the voice of an overbearing, outrageous wedding planner, covering all aspects of a wedding—from the moment of engagement (hopefully with the ring you've been not so subtly emailing him about for months), all the way through the final minutes of the big day. Accompanied by Jason O'Malley's humorous illustrations, Willcox offers tongue-in-cheek advice for every wedding-planning moment, whether it's dreaming up the perfect wedding-weekend hashtag, planning a gift registry to make everyone jealous of your fabulous lifestyle, or figuring out how to distance yourself from the poor, unfortunate souls who didn't make the cut for your guest list. Laura Willcox's refreshing take on all things bride will turn tradition on its head, and have you rolling your eyes and reading passages out loud to your engaged (and married) friends. This funny book is a perfect gift for the friend who can't stop pinning to her dream wedding board, bridezilla-to-be, or any bride who would benefit from a much-needed break from the stress and madness of wedding planning.

Scottish laird Alec Kincaid--in his quest for an English bride--weds Jamie Jamison, and thus begins their long and heated battle of wills and the passion to which they eventually succumb

"A guide for mothers of brides-to-be. Includes checklists, responsibilities, and suggestions for wedding preparation"--

A woman disappears, leaving behind an incendiary diary chronicling a journey of sexual awakening. To all who knew her, she was the good wife: happy, devoted, content. But the diary reveals a secret self, one who's discovered that her new marriage contains mysteries of its own. She has discovered a forgotten Elizabethan manuscript that dares to speak of what women truly desire, and inspired by its revelations, she tastes for the first time the intoxicating power of knowing what she wants and how to get it. The question is: How long can she sustain a perilous double life?

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Sinjun Sherbrooke contrives to elope with handsome Colin Kinross, the Earl of Ashburnham, whose first wife has died mysteriously

A fan-favorite novel by internationally bestselling author Tess Gerritsen If Nina Cormier's wedding had taken place, she would be dead. But after the bride was left at the altar, the church stood empty when the bomb exploded. It wasn't until a stranger tried to run her off the road that Nina realized someone actually wanted to kill her. But who? That's what Detective Sam Navarro has to find out...fast. With a nightmare unfolding all around them, Sam and Nina must try to decipher the terrifying truth: they are at the mercy of a brilliant madman, one who is playing for keeps....

Surprise! You may never have thought the time would come-or else you've successfully resisted thinking about it - but your daughter's getting married! What does this mean for you? Engagement parties? Rehearsal dinners? Destination weddings? With these thoughts and many others filling your head, you've got to be prepared to handle any situation-from requests for obscene amounts of money to dealing with your new in-laws. The Everything Father of the Bride Book shows you how to: Keep the bride cool and collected Create a workable budget that everyone can agree on Use diplomacy to figure out who pays for what Smooth over family disagreements with tact and grace Make sure that, above all, everyone is having fun! If you can't stop thinking about how much you have to do before it's time for your daughter to say, "I do," The Everything Father of the Bride Book is the perfect guide to help get you to the church on time, too! The prestigious bridal industry experts present a complete guide for the mother of the bride that explains her role and responsibilities in the bridal planning process, from engagement announcements and parties to managing finances, organizing the receiving line, selecting the right fashions, and more. 20,000 first printing.

A year's worth of novellas from twelve inspirational romance authors. Happily ever after guaranteed. In a moment of total panic, Brendan left Alyssa at the altar. What will it take for him to win her back? When Brendan Meyers became a "runaway groom," Alyssa Pennington's heart broke. But she's returned the unopened gifts, exchanged the dress, and is ready to get on with her life...and forget Brendan. The problem is, Brendan can't forget. He can't forget the love he and Alyssa shared and can't forgive himself for what he put her through on their wedding day. He can never undo his actions, but at least he can try to win Alyssa's forgiveness. And maybe, someday, another shot at her love. Dalton Landreth was the only person not disappointed about that botched wedding. He had been eyeing Alyssa since high school—with his gorgeous, magnetic blue eyes—and when Brendan ran out the church doors, Dalton heard opportunity knocking. Within months of being jilted at the altar, Alyssa finds herself being simultaneously wooed by the love of her life and the best-looking man she's ever seen. Not bad for a small-town girl with a broken heart.

"I absolutely adore this book...love story begins slow—like a delicious lowcountry boil—but heats up to the perfect ending." --Kathleen Y'Barbo, bestselling author of The Black Midnight A heartwarming Avon debut of love, forgiveness, and new beginnings set in the beautiful South Carolina Lowcountry. Maya Jackson has worked for Laura Whitcomb, Inc, a renowned New York City bridal gown brand for years and dreams of becoming Head Designer. She has the talent, she just needs a chance to showcase her unique style. Due to an illness, she's always prioritized her career over her personal life until Maya's father fractures his hip and she returns to Charleston, SC. While home

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for only a few months, she's thrilled to find an opportunity at the local bridal gown boutique, never expecting sparks to fly with its owner... A military veteran and widowed father, Derek Sullivan hopes to save Always a Bride from bankruptcy in order to preserve the legacy of his family. He also wants to reconnect with his estranged, twelve-year-old daughter, who is still recovering from the loss of her mother. The last thing he needs is a relationship with a beautiful, smart, complicated woman who will be leaving soon. When Derek begins to fall for the lovely Maya, he knows there's no future. But destiny has its own plans, and these two lonely people with big hearts discover that coming home to love is the best gift life can give.

From the USA Today bestselling author of The Kiss Quotient comes a romantic novel about love that crosses international borders and all boundaries of the heart... Khai Diep has no feelings. Well, he feels irritation when people move his things or contentment when ledgers balance down to the penny, but not big, important emotions—like grief. And love. He thinks he's defective. His family knows better—that his autism means he just processes emotions differently. When he steadfastly avoids relationships, his mother takes matters into her own hands and returns to Vietnam to find him the perfect bride. As a mixed-race girl living in the slums of Ho Chi Minh City, Esme Tran has always felt out of place. When the opportunity arises to come to America and meet a potential husband, she can't turn it down, thinking this could be the break her family needs. Seducing Khai, however, doesn't go as planned. Esme's lessons in love seem to be working...but only on herself. She's hopelessly smitten with a man who's convinced he can never return her affection. With Esme's time in the United States dwindling, Khai is forced to understand he's been wrong all along. And there's more than one way to love.

Entertaining expert David Tutera opens his files to reveal a wealth of detailed information about creating that perfect day, featuring advice about everything from wording invitations to negotiating with caterers, planning the meal to throwing an event on a budget. The same insight celebrity entertaining and wedding expert David Tutera gives to his A-list clientele is now at your fingertips in The Big White Book of Weddings: David's ultimate "how-to" guide designed to get every bride down the aisle in style! It's tough to be a bride on a budget—but David reveals his personal tips of the wedding trade that proves brides can be both sophisticatedly chic and realistically resourceful! Covering the entire wedding experience from brainstorming, budgeting, invitations, gift registries, food, music, traditional reception rituals, and even what happens after the wedding's over, Tutera has created a must-have for brides-to-be. Full of the personality that David brings to every wedding he plans and every TV show or magazine article he appears in, Big White Book of Weddings is the book every bride needs to make her wedding unforgettable for all the right reasons! Includes sections such as: - Create engaging menus and creative cocktails in "Eat, Drink and Be Married!" - Be Perfectly Polished with "Etiquette for the Elegant" - Make your entertainment a hit without needing a rock-star budget in "Strike up the Band" - Go from "Ordinary to Extraordinary" with decor and floral tips from the pro

With Joy, Love and a Little Trepidation, Courtney, Sienna and Rachel Invite You to the Most Emotional Wedding of the Year... Their Mother's Courtney The Misfit As the awkward one, Courtney Watson may not be as together as her sisters, but she excels at one thing—keeping secrets, including her white-hot affair with a sexy music producer.

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Planning Mom's wedding exposes her startling hidden life, changing her family's view of her—and how she views herself—forever. Sienna The Free Spirit When Sienna's boyfriend proposes—in front of her mom and sisters, for crying out loud—he takes her by surprise. She already has two broken engagements under her belt. Should she say "I do" even if she's not sure she does? Rachel The Cynic Rachel thought love would last forever...right up until her divorce. As Mom's wedding day draws near and her ex begs for a second chance, she's forced to acknowledge some uncomfortable truths about why her marriage failed, and decide if she'll let pride stand in the way of her own happily-ever-after.

The Banks household erupts in a frenzy of activity as the wedding of daughter Kay approaches

Perfect gift for The New Bride Whether you just got engaged or you are about to get married soon, this detailed letters keepsake is sure to keep your friend's memories intact in a beautiful journal. This letter book provides ample space to record more than 100 letters from your friends and loved ones and keep them for years to come. Add To Cart Now A perfect book to keep all the love wishes from your loved ones in one place. Features: 110 undated pages Space to write down all the feeling from the new wife to be Product Description 6x9" 110 pages Uniquely designed matte cover High quality, heavy paper We have lots of great trackers and journals, so be sure to check out our other listings by clicking on the "Author Name" link just below the title of this tracker. Ideas On How To Use This Tracker: Engagement Gift Girlfriend Gift Stocking Stuffer Godparents Gift Niece Gift Boyfriend Gift

Everyone dreams of the perfect wedding... And for nearly seven decades, Bride's magazine has been the leading authority on the subject, with advice that is both practical and sympathetic to the needs of the bride, the groom, their families and friends. Now in a completely revised edition, Bride's Book of Etiquette offers the most up-to-date information on engagement and wedding planning, and realistic solutions for any problem that couples may encounter. In this trusted classic, you'll find out: How to draw up—and pare down—the guest list How to word invitations for every circumstance How to get his family to share wedding expenses, and who pays for what Where to seat divorced parents, and how to make sure they'll get along How to dress the bride, groom, mothers, and bridal party at every hour for every type of wedding Contemporary ideas for a long-weekend wedding, a destination wedding and more How to handle last-minute glitches, include children in a second wedding, and answer the tough question: "Am I invited to the wedding?" Registering on the Internet, the dos and don'ts Updated etiquette for a second wedding The new honeymoon rules—romantic trips in today's world

Read the books behind Netflix's Fear Street trilogy! Two sisters, divided by time. Each with a terrible resentment she can barely contain. Two Fear family weddings, decades apart... Each bride will find that the ancient curse that haunts the Fears LIVES ON. It feeds off the evil that courses through their blood. It takes its toll in unexpected ways, and allows dark history to repeat itself. In this Fear Street story, family ties bind sisters together—till DEATH do they part. R.L. Stine's Fear Street trilogy is: You May Now Kill the Bride (Return to Fear Street, Book 1) The Wrong Girl (Return to Fear Street, Book 2) Drop Dead Gorgeous (Return to Fear Street, Book 3)

In this irreverent wedding guide, MTV's wedding planning guru and star of Girl Code,

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comedian and bride-to-be Jamie Lee, offers practical advice and hilarious insights on how to stay sane while planning your "big day." Weddings. What was once a beautiful celebration of a couple coming together for a lifetime of happiness has become a bit ridiculous, complete with the whimsical monogrammed mason jars and unconventional photo shoots. The Epic task of creating that special event can be nightmarish—a dizzying maze of minutiae and seemingly endless choices that might tempt you to say yes to a quickie drive-through chapel in Vegas. But weddings don't have to be stressful. You don't have to give in to the crazy—or give up completely. Famous funny gal Jamie Lee learned much more than she counted on pulling together her own wedding, and in *Weddiculous* she shares her first-hand experiences and hilarious hard-won insights with every girl who just said "yes." Jamie gives you the real low-down, puts the madness into perspective, and walks you through the process step by step in a calm, realistic, and highly entertaining way. *Weddiculous* includes helpful checklists, timelines, and suggestions on everything from what questions to ask vendors to how to handle difficult bridesmaids to what's worth the extra cost (and more importantly, what's not). Throughout, Jamie provides guidance on when you should trust your gut and when you need to listen to others. What Amy Sedaris has done for hospitality and crafting, Jamie Lee now does for weddings. *Weddiculous* will help remind you what's really important about your wedding day: it's just the first day in a long and happy marriage.

#1 New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts presents a novel of love, friendship, and family in Book One in the Bride Quartet. Wedding photographer Mackensie "Mac" Elliot is most at home behind the camera, but her focus is shattered moments before an important wedding rehearsal when she bumps into the bride-to-be's brother...an encounter that has them both seeing stars. A stable, safe English teacher, Carter Maguire is definitely not Mac's type. But a casual fling might be just what she needs to take her mind off bridezillas. Of course, casual flings can turn into something more when you least expect it. And Mac will have to turn to her three best friends—and business partners—to see her way to her own happy ending. Don't miss the other books in the Bride Quartet *Bed of Roses* *Savor the Moment* *Happy Ever After*

Chicken Soup for the Soul: Here Comes the Bride will amuse, encourage, and excite any future bride or newlywed with its stories above love, romance, and the big day. A great gift for bridal showers, engagements, and weddings. The wedding day, and each day leading up to it, is a special and exciting time. In this collection of 101 heartwarming and hilarious stories, brides and grooms, families and friends share their memories of the big day. With stories about everything from the proposal, to the planning, to actual wedding day events, the honeymoon, and all the joys and frustrations in between, this book will delight and encourage any bride or newlywed.

Previous ed. entitled: *Offbeat bride: taffeta-free alternatives for independent brides*, 2007.

A journal of memories from the proposal to I Do! by Amy K. Rosenthal.

Compact, portable, and packed with information, this planner is the essential resource for every savvy bride-to-be. Complete with worksheets for comparing services and costs; pockets to hold papers, vendor samples, and business cards;

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and tips and checklists for everything from the ceremony and reception to the honeymoon and beyond, it has exactly what a modern bride needs to stay stress-free.

With over 50,000 copies sold of the original edition, A Bride's Book has been a best-selling resource for brides-to-be since 2001, offering floral designer and wedding planner Marsha Heckman's expert guidance on everything from the engagement to the post-honeymoon thank-you notes. Now Heckamn has returned with a revised, redesigned, and updated edition for the modern bride. It includes seven gorgeous new wedding bouquet tabs with complete how-to instructions, along with a new cover design. Lavishly illustrated with full-color photographs by Richard Jung from Marsha Heckman's best-selling book Bouquets: A Year of Flowers for the Bride, A Bride's Book is both a hardworking wedding planner and a personal journal. The book is filled with tips for the bride, wedding traditions, and marriage customs. Spiral bound to open flat, with an elastic closure and an inside pocket, A Bride's Book is organized into six sections with fill-in space and prompts to help keep the busy bride organized: "To Do," "Calendar," "Wedding Party," "Key People," "Guests," and "Journal & Keepsake." I guess you could say I was a damsel in distress, and he was my knight in shining armor. But more accurately, I was a girl with a lot of bad luck, and he was a guy with a lot of muscles and tattoos. Jude "Lucky" Locketti wasn't just a sexy, brooding construction worker. He was my own personal hero who seemed to be in all the right places at the right times. Like when my car broke down and I needed a ride home, and when I face planted on the sidewalk right in front of him and had to be taken to the emergency room. Those weren't exactly my best moments, but they were his. We became friends, and it didn't matter that he was sixteen years older than me. We had a lot in common-like our love of old rock music and vintage fast cars, and our aversion to relationships. When he approached me with a crazy idea to help me out, I couldn't say no. The arrangement was supposed to be temporary. A marriage on paper and nothing else. It should've been easy, but it wasn't. Because here I am, eighteen years-old, still in high school, and married to a man I was never supposed to fall in love with. We had just one rule-no kissing the bride. But we broke that rule, and it sealed our fate forever.

The Bride's Guide to Glow is the go-to skincare guide for any bride-to-be. Written by a licensed esthetician, this book features simple practices that cover all the how-tos for that wedding day glow. With elegant illustrations and actionable techniques, this holistic approach to healthy, nourished skin will be cherished by any soon-to-be newlywed. • Includes night and day routines • Filled with ideas for at-home treatments • Features tips for last-minute breakouts and day-of skin emergencies Featuring ideas for what to do a year before the wedding up until the day before, this handy book has it all for the bride-to-be. • The key to wedding day radiance and enhancing natural beauty • Focuses on a steady routine, natural skincare, and healthy lifestyle choices • A perfect purchase for

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bridal showers, the newly engaged bride-to-be, and skincare junkies • You'll love this book if you love books like *Buff Brides: The Complete Guide to Getting in Shape and Looking Great for Your Wedding Day* by Sue Fleming; *Bridal Bootcamp* by Cynthia Conde; and *Radiant Bride: The Beauty, Diet, Fitness, and Fashion Plan for Your Big Day* by Alexis Wolfer.

After her father is executed for being a traitor, Isabelle is taken in by her tyrannical uncle, who confiscates her fortune. Every day she is abused by her evil cousin. Her only saving grace is her talent for accounting. All her life she thought she was too unattractive and too low of a status to get married...yet she'd always desired Sir Justin. One night Sir Justin, who had come to propose to her cousin, kidnaps her instead. He takes her to a monastery and asks her to marry him. Is this some kind of dream? What is his motive?

Barbara can hardly believe her older sister is getting married. With all the excitement of wedding plans going on, Barbara can't help dreaming of the day she will be the bride. She can't wait to fall in love. But as the big day gets closer, wedding planning often turns into family arguments. Even the bride and groom are bickering over details, and Barbara's fun-loving sister is turning into a very practical, grown-up person. Weddings are fun, but all this serious stuff is scary enough to make Barbara think she's not going to be rushing into a serious romance any time soon.

NAMED MOST ANTICIPATED BOOK by Bustle * Goodreads * Ms. Magazine * Popsugar * Electric Literature * Chicago Review of Books * Newsweek * Alma * and more “A marvel. An intricately realized novel that honors every place it depicts.” —Rakesh Satyal “I love the sea,” she said. “I don’t know if I could live without it.” During a snowy Cleveland February, newlywed university students Muneer and Saeedah are expecting their first child, and he is harboring a secret: the word divorce is whispering in his ear. Soon, their marriage will end, and Muneer will return to Saudi Arabia, while Saeedah remains in Cleveland with their daughter, Hanadi. Consumed by a growing fear of losing her daughter, Saeedah disappears with the little girl, leaving Muneer to desperately search for his daughter for years. The repercussions of the abduction ripple outward, not only changing the lives of Hanadi and her parents, but also their interwoven family and friends—those who must choose sides and hide their own deeply guarded secrets. And when Hanadi comes of age, she finds herself at the center of this conflict, torn between the world she grew up in and a family across the ocean. How can she exist between parents, between countries? Eman Quotah’s *Bride of the Sea* is a spellbinding debut of colliding cultures, immigration, religion, and family; an intimate portrait of loss and healing; and, ultimately, a testament to the ways we find ourselves inside love, distance, and heartbreak.

There Goes the Bride is your personal guide to calling off a wedding— maybe your own! It walks the reader through the reasons, logistics, and emotions associated with breaking an engagement and provides down-to-earth advice, support, and encouragement from women who have been there. Rachel Safier—the widely

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recognized expert on the topics of cold feet and broken engagements— addresses all your concerns, including figuring out if it's more than just cold feet, dealing with friends and family who don't understand, giving back the ring, and more. Filled with stories from sixty-two 'almost brides' from twenty-five states and four countries who've been through this difficult process themselves, *There Goes the Bride* offers comfort, inspiration, practical advice, some tears, and quite a few laughs. William Goldman's modern fantasy classic is a simple, exceptional story about quests—for riches, revenge, power, and, of course, true love—that's thrilling and timeless. Anyone who lived through the 1980s may find it impossible—inconceivable, even—to equate *The Princess Bride* with anything other than the sweet, celluloid romance of Westley and Buttercup, but the film is only a fraction of the ingenious storytelling you'll find in these pages. Rich in character and satire, the novel is set in 1941 and framed cleverly as an “abridged” retelling of a centuries-old tale set in the fabled country of Florin that's home to “Beasts of all natures and descriptions. Pain. Death. Brave men. Coward men. Strongest men. Chases. Escapes. Lies. Truths. Passions.”

A young bride shuts herself up in a bedroom on her wedding day, refusing to get married. In this moving and humorous look at contemporary Israel and the chaotic ups and downs of love everywhere, her family gathers outside the locked door, not knowing what to do. The bride's mother has lost a younger daughter in unclear circumstances. Her grandmother is hard of hearing, yet seems to understand her better than anyone. A male cousin who likes to wear women's clothes and jewelry clings to his grandmother like a little boy. The family tries an array of unusual tactics to ensure the wedding goes ahead, including calling in a psychologist specializing in brides who change their mind and a ladder truck from the Palestinian Authority electrical company. The only communication they receive from behind the door are scribbled notes, one of them a cryptic poem about a prodigal daughter returning home. The harder they try to reach the defiant woman, the more the despairing groom is convinced that her refusal should be respected. But what, exactly, ought to be respected? Is this merely a case of cold feet? A feminist statement? Or a mourning ritual for a lost sister? This provocative and highly entertaining novel lingers long after its final page.

Runner-up for 2015 Russian Booker Prize. From one of the most exciting voices in modern Russian literature, Alisa Ganieva, comes *Bride and Groom*, the tumultuous love story of two young city-dwellers who meet when they return home to their families in rural Dagestan. When traditional family expectations and increasing religious and cultural tension threaten to shatter their bond, Marat and Patya struggle to overcome obstacles determined to keep them apart, while fate seems destined to keep them together—until the very end. Alisa Ganieva (b. 1985) grew up in Makhachkala, Dagestan. Her literary debut, the novella *Salam, Dalgat!*, published under a male pseudonym, won the prestigious Debut Prize in 2009. Her debut novel, *The Mountain and the Wall* (Deep Vellum, 2015) was shortlisted for all of Russia's major literary awards and has been translated into

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seven languages. *Bride and Groom* is her second novel, and was shortlisted for the 2015 Russian Booker Prize upon its publication in Russia. Ganieva currently lives in Moscow, where she works as a journalist and literary critic. Dr. Carol Apollonio is Professor of the Practice of Russian at Duke University. Her most recent literary translations include Alisa Ganieva's debut novel, *The Mountain and the Wall* (Deep Vellum, 2015). She was awarded the Russian Ministry of Culture's Chekhov Medal in 2010, and she currently serves as President of the North American Dostoevsky Society.

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