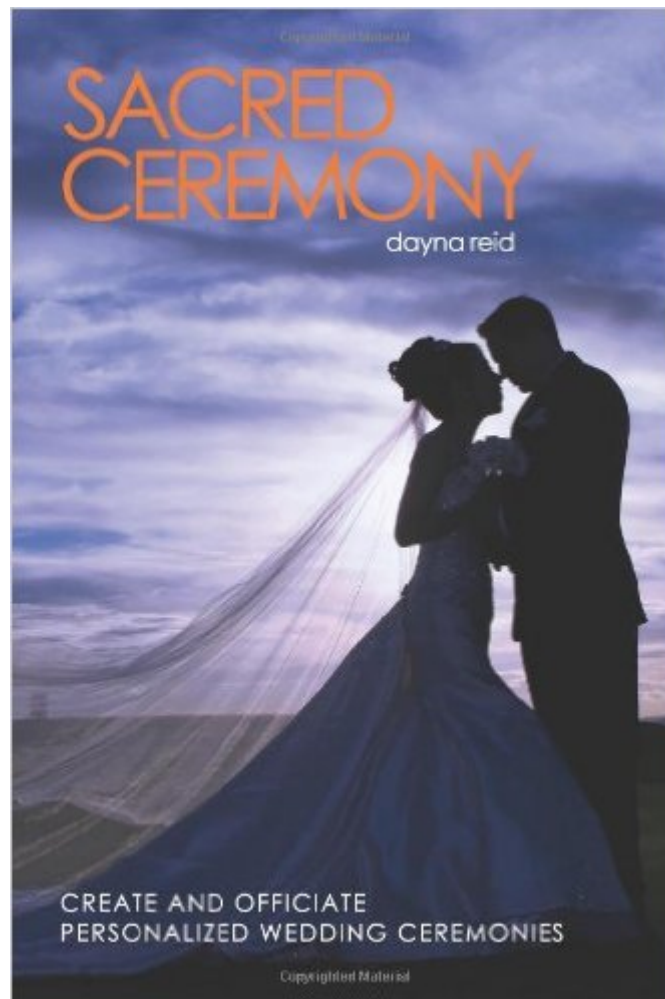


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# Sacred Ceremony: Create And Officiate Personalized Wedding Ceremonies



## Synopsis

What? Religious or Not, Choose the Right Words For Your Wedding Day. Sacred Ceremony: Create and Officiate Personalized Wedding Ceremonies, brings the focus back to the real purpose of a wedding | not the cake, the dress or the centerpieces, but the sacred agreement between two people that defines their marriage. In step-by-step, informative chapters, Dayna Reid describes the elements of a wedding ceremony from beginning to end, and the choices people can make with each element. Sacred Ceremony includes a wealth of wording and ceremony selections, to celebrate diverse styles, beliefs and traditions, from Christian to Zen, to the simple declarations of love that transcend tradition. Reid, an ordained Officiant with more than a decade of experience discovered the few ceremony books available were written in either a particular style or from a specific religious view, offering limited variety for customizing a wedding to reflect a couple's unique and personal perspective and intentions. Some key information within the book:

- A large collection of spiritual and non-spiritual wording examples
- Several sample wedding and renewal ceremonies
- A worksheet to help easily compose the ceremony
- Instructions for obtaining a marriage license
- Who can legally perform the ceremony and steps to becoming ordained
- Advice on selecting the right Officiant
- Information on filing the paperwork to make the wedding legal

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## Customer Reviews

Although there are some great websites and blogs out there about wedding planning, I love books! For my wedding the few that I bought really came in handy and this one was one of them! (see also

Dearly Beloved: Wedding Songs). I can easily spend hours looking at bridesmaid gowns and flower arrangements, but it's been hard for my fiancée and me to focus on our ceremony. This great guide has so many helpful suggestions on how we can create a ceremony unique to us and appropriate for our guests. Our officiant gave the book to us and now I want to make sure that it gets into more hands. I plan to give mine to my sister when she gets hitched, as it would be definitely be a great engagement gift. In this book, Dayna Reid explains the different elements of the ceremony so you can choose what to include. She also provides a large selection of readings, blessings, and songs from a wide range of cultures, religions, and non-spiritual traditions. The phrases are also helpful for preparing toasts, so it's a pretty handy book to have. With my wedding a couple months away, I feel confident that the ceremony will be something that we will remember and treasure forever. This is a great comprehensive book!

I was ordained (online) a few years ago with the prospect of performing a friend's wedding. When that couple eloped the idea of performing wedding faded into the background. Recently, I was asked by another friend to help them on their special day. After searching the internet, I very quickly found that it was inefficient and everyone was trying to sell me something. To get a comprehensive guide, I knew I was going to have to buy a book. I purchased Sacred Ceremony and was able to plan the wedding in a week. This is a complete guide to officiating and planning a ceremony. It answered all my questions and then some! The ceremony went so well and the couple was so impressed that I feel like this is something I could do many times and with confidence! While it was my first, people thought I did this all the time! THANKS FOR SAVING ME TIME AND HELPING MAKE MY FRIEND'S WEDDING A HUGE SUCCESS!

I am an officiant who doesn't do many weddings, but those I do perform I want highly personalized and unique to each couple. I aim to fit whatever I do with exactly what the bride and groom want, some of which they haven't even thought of until I suggest it. When I read Sacred Ceremony by Dayna Reid I thought, "Wow! She has thought of any suggestion I might have made and then some!" So many couples consider all the OTHER aspects of their wedding: flowers, dresses, honeymoon plans, and forget the most pivotal part of all ~ the ceremony. This book makes the ceremony into an engaging event instead of "something to get through in order to have a reception." The writing is clear and with a friendly tone. It feels like you are having a conversation as the author answers questions right as you were on the verge of asking them. I highly recommend this book both to couples and to any wedding officiant. It is outstanding.

Whether you are religious, spiritual or indifferent, or whether you are a heterosexual or same-sex couple (which we are) this book is a wonderfully helpful place to start to create your wedding ceremony. We read through the book, (Kindle Version) highlighted the verses/blessings/sayings that we liked, then we took everything that we liked and printed them on to index cards by section of the ceremony and then narrowed it down again to the ones that we really liked and then we edited the verses even further to our own liking and to something that was really fitting for us as a couple. Here is a hot tip: I ended up buying a second version of this book on iBooks because you can email yourself all the highlighted entries through iBooks and then I just copied and pasted all the sections we like into MS Word (or similar) and then printed everything thing on to index cards.

Sacred Ceremony breaks down the ceremony process wonderfully, great for those who know a ceremony is more than the kiss and "I do's", but have no clue as to what is involved or what it means. Chock full of examples and sample phrases, this is one resource I wish I had when I was preparing for my wedding, instead of having to lug around four or five different books. I gave my copy to my sister a few months before her wedding, and she said the explanations of the ceremony elements (found in the first couple chapters) helped her and her fiancé decide exactly what they wanted to include, and not include. She returned it with quite a bit of folded corners and pencil marks...What I loved is how this book had everything: a HUGE selection of readings and blessings, songs and quotes from contemporary culture, even a section of quotes from children's books! There's so much here it's easy to find inspiration. In my sister's case, it had more than enough that they could create a ceremony using only the one book and it still felt personal--very much the opposite of the generic, insert-your-name-here combination of words and elements that couples fear being stuck with. Another plus of the book is its diverse list of cultural and spiritual ceremonies, each with an explanation of its meaning and how it's performed. There were several ceremonies and vows incorporating children of the bride/groom that I thought were very touching. Overall, a very informative resource with just the right amount of specifics and a library's worth of examples, which sets it apart from other wedding books. I'll be keeping this one on my reference shelf, it will come in handy the next time I'm asked to say something inspiring during a toast.

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