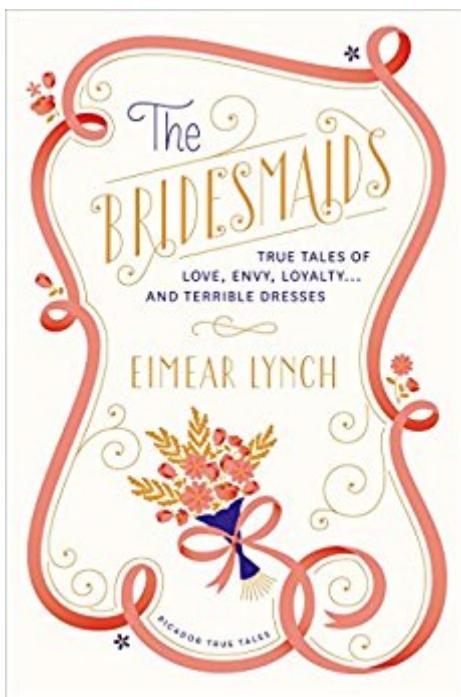


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The Bridesmaids: True Tales Of Love, Envy, Loyalty . . . And Terrible Dresses (Picador True Tales)



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Customer Reviews

I was really disappointed in this book. I've read quite a few books that are collections of essays about one common topic, and most of them are insightful, reflective and thoughtful. "The Bridesmaids" was none of those things. Another reviewer mentions that it seemed as if the editor of the book asked the contributors to write a "what I did on my summer vacation"-style essay, and I couldn't agree more. I honestly don't know where this editor found these people, and whether the extreme lack of quality of the essays as a whole is due to their inability to write or to insufficient editorial guidance. Each writing segment was told in a very "first this happened, then this happened" style, and the essay would usually end either at the end of the wedding or in a very few simple sentences about whether the bride had gotten divorced since or, if not, how long she'd been happily married now, with the bridesmaid telling how they felt about it on a very basic, surface-level summary. No effort seemed put forth to reflect on the experience and its impact on either the writer's life or how their own story mirrored the wider role of a bridesmaid on a larger, less personal scale. While there were definite moments of humor (my favorite anecdote involving a 35-lb. cat that would NOT stop trying to crash the reception, causing the bridesmaid to eventually give up and start dancing with the cat), overall it was a dull, monotonous read, with many points being repeated over and over. (We get it -- you never wear the dress again, and you should think long and hard before committing to being a bridesmaid.

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