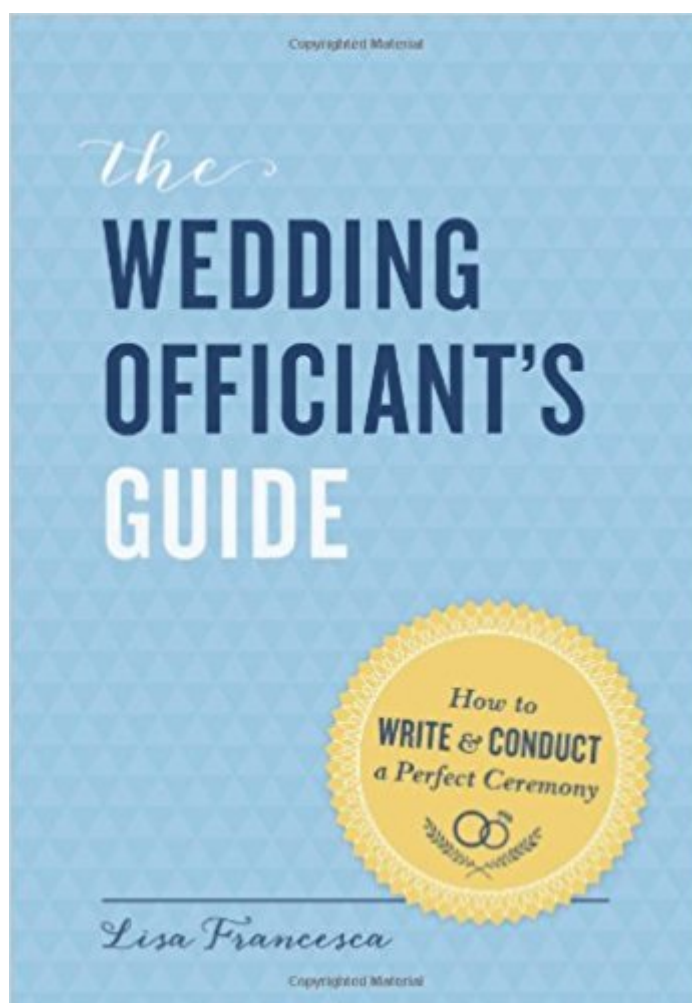


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# The Wedding Officiant's Guide: How To Write And Conduct A Perfect Ceremony



## Synopsis

Last year, one in three American weddings were officiated by a friend or family member. With the officiating trend on the rise, novice officiants need a resource to guide them. In *The Wedding Officiant's Guide*, interfaith minister Lisa Francesca breaks down the entire officiating process, from becoming an ordained officiant and interviewing the couple to drafting and performing a moving ceremony. Written in an engaging and friendly tone, and featuring empowering advice, suggested readings, stories and lessons learned from new officiants, and practical tips from wedding planners, this inviting handbook will help new officiants write and deliver a wedding ceremony that fulfills marriage laws, delights guests, and honors the marrying couple.

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## Customer Reviews

Lisa Francesca is a San Francisco-based interfaith minister who has performed weddings for more than a dozen years.

Really a great guide for anyone wanting to officiate at a friend's or relative's wedding. Packed with guidance, information, anecdotes, and ideas in a readable format. If you've asked a friend to officiate at your wedding you may want to get them this book; or if you're the officiant, it will help you prepare a wonderful wedding.

Both the bride and I gleaned some useful info from this guide. Not a lot of really new ideas, but enough solid, helpful hints to make it very worthwhile. I found it easy to use as a resource....just

wish a few areas had been expanded a bit. Overall, a good purchase....the wedding was a huge success!!

This book made officiating my friend's wedding so easy! The whole process is well laid out, from interviewing the couple to preparing on the wedding day. The book mentions that sometimes officiants cry. That was going to be me. The first time I tried to read the ceremony out loud, I couldn't make it through the first line without welling up. After reading it several times, I got much better. On the wedding day, I only had to pause twice, and it wasn't enough to make anyone feel uncomfortable. If you think you may cry, I recommend lots of practice. It made the whole experience a lot more fun and less embarrassing for me!

It's not a bad book, there are some really good parts. However, I would say this is more appropriate for a bride and groom than the officiant that I am!

One of the better wedding ceremony books out there - we bought this to give to our friend who is going to officiate our wedding (his first time doing this), and I felt that it was very well written and will guide him and us to create a great ceremony - it made me want to be an officiant myself!

This is a pretty detailed instruction guide on what you need to do to prepare for officiating a wedding. There is a lot of useful information and different questions you can ask. I was working out of a few different books and websites but this one was extremely helpful.

I just solemnized my first wedding for a friend. This book got me through it. It's honest and easy to read. It really fill you in on those details you would have never thought of. This book is useful to all denominations. I would recommend it to anyone looking to perform a wedding. I would like to see the author come out with a more updated edition for the new marriage laws. Including etiquette and wording for same sex couples.

Excellent with all the details you need to be an officiant. I thought I thought of everything until I read this book. I am SO glad I got this prior to the event I'll be officiating for.

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