

How To Plan A Wedding On A Budget The Ultimate Guide To Planning A Wedding On A Budget Inexpensive Wedding Ideas Budget Wedding Ideas

A go-to wedding resource for anyone who'd classify themselves as groom or groom-adjacent. The Groom's Guide gives grooms and groomsmen the tools they need to make their wedding one of the best days of their lives and look damn good while doing it.

Struggling with debt? Frustrated about work? Just not satisfied with life? The Simple Dollar can change your life. Trent Hamm found himself drowning in consumer debt, working in a job he couldn't stand... and figured out how to escape that debt and build the fulfilling career he'd always dreamt about, all at the same time. Hamm shared his experiences at TheSimpleDollar.com—and built it into one of America's top personal finance websites. Now, The Simple Dollar is a book: packed with practical tips, tools, and lessons you can use to transform your life, too. This isn't just "another" personal finance book: it's profoundly motivating, empowering, practical, and 100% grounded in today's American realities. Trent Hamm will show you how to rewrite the rules, creating healthier relationships with money... and with your loved ones, too. With his help, you can get out of debt, start moving forward, and build the strong personal community that offers true happiness—no matter what happens to the economy. · Escape the plastic prison, and stop running to stand still 5 simple steps to eliminate credit card debt... and 5 more to start moving forward · Shift your life's balance towards more positive, stronger relationships Learn how to put the golden rule to work for you · Discover the power of goals in a random world Then, learn how to overcome inertia, and transform goals into reality · Navigate the treacherous boundaries between love and money Move towards deeper communication, greater honesty, and more courage

Building a Marriage That Will Last a Lifetime Authors Greg and Erin Smalley open their hearts and share their lives in Before You Plan Your Wedding...Plan Your Marriage so that you can know not only how to build a marriage that will last, but also how to have the kind of marriage where you and your spouse feel safe and honored and valued. When you feel safe, your heart will be open -- and open hearts make for fulfilling, powerful relationships. Find out about the "fear dance" and how to stop dancing it. Discover the two biggest issues that threaten every marriage and how to stop them before they start. Learn what's more important than finding your soul mate and the significance of happiness in your union. As wonderful as a wedding is, it lasts only for a brief time -- yet marriage is meant to last a lifetime. This important book will show you how to plan your marriage before you plan your wedding.

From the creator of the popular website Ask a Manager and New York's work-advice columnist comes a witty, practical guide to 200 difficult professional conversations—featuring all-new advice! There's a reason Alison Green has been called "the Dear Abby of the work world." Ten years as a workplace-advice columnist have taught her that people avoid awkward conversations in the office because they simply don't know what to say. Thankfully, Green does—and in this incredibly helpful book, she tackles the tough discussions you may need to have during your career. You'll learn what to say when • coworkers push their work on you—then take credit for it • you accidentally trash-talk someone in an email then hit "reply all" • you're being micromanaged—or not being managed at all • you catch a colleague in a lie • your boss seems unhappy with your work • your cubemate's loud speakerphone is making you homicidal • you got drunk at the holiday party Praise for Ask a Manager "A must-read for anyone who works . . . [Alison Green's] advice boils down to the idea that you should be professional (even when others are not) and that communicating in a straightforward manner with candor and kindness will get you far, no matter where you work."—Booklist (starred review) "The author's friendly, warm, no-nonsense writing is a pleasure to read, and her advice can be widely applied to relationships in all areas of readers' lives. Ideal for anyone new to the job market or new to management, or anyone hoping to improve their work experience."—Library Journal (starred review) "I am a huge fan of Alison Green's Ask a Manager column. This book is even better. It teaches us how to deal with many of the most vexing big and little problems in our workplaces—and to do so with grace, confidence, and a sense of humor."—Robert Sutton, Stanford professor and author of The No Asshole Rule and The Asshole Survival Guide "Ask a Manager is the ultimate playbook for navigating the traditional workforce in a diplomatic but firm way."—Erin Lowry, author of Broke Millennial: Stop Scraping By and Get Your Financial Life Together

Have you decided to plan a backyard wedding but you're not sure where to start? Or maybe you've started, but you're worried you might be forgetting something. The Backyard Wedding Planner has you covered. From the first walkthrough of your property to renting dishes - the book is packed with checklists and planning sheets to help you figure it all out. Here's What's In The Book: Planning Checklist Property Walkthrough Worksheet Landscaping Project Pages Creating Your Floor Plan Making a Weather Plan Planning Your Budget Figuring Out the Food Hiring a Caterer Ordering Restaurant Catering Planning a Potluck DIY Food Handling the Beverages Ordering Your Wedding Cake Renting Tents, Tables & Chairs Renting Dishes Getting Dressed Decorations & Flowers Choosing a Photographer Your Wedding Day Timeline

Congratulations, you're planning a wedding! Besides obtaining a fancy tuxedo and a stunning gown, organizing a wedding ceremony takes creativity, planning, diplomacy, and nerve. The whole ordeal can seem overwhelming at first, but with a little guidance, you'll pull off a wedding people will remember for ages. Wedding Planning For Dummies, 2nd Edition demystifies and simplifies all the details that go into the Big Day, providing inspiration and innovative ideas to personalize your wedding celebration and, of course, make it fun for everyone—especially you! This one-stop guide is all you need to: Design a comprehensive schedule for a snag-free wedding day Keep track of expenses with a wedding budget Negotiate contracts and surf online for deals Get those pesky financial technicalities out of the way Plan a weekend wedding, a themed wedding, and other celebrations Select a suitable wedding party Plan for various customs

and rites Get the decorative effect you want Throw a great reception with music, food, drink, and cake! Handle gifts, registries, rings, photos, and the honeymoon Packed with tips for saving money and common kitsch you should avoid, this is the ultimate guide to satisfying everyone on the Big Day. You'll discover the confidence you need to make the wedding of your dreams come true with *Wedding Planning For Dummies, 2nd Edition!*

Take control of your wedding planning (and budget) with over 500 easy hacks to help your wedding go as smoothly as possible—from preventing wardrobe malfunctions to making an adjustable seating chart. Congratulations—you're engaged! But, now what? As you start to share the news with your family and friends, you might start feeling slightly stressed about the amount of planning you suddenly have to do. But wedding planning can actually be easier than you think! With *Wedding Hacks* you'll find solutions to all your wedding planning worries and prevent any problems that you might not have seen coming. From finding cheaper prices online to dealing with difficult relatives, this book has everything you need to know to make your wedding day one you'll never forget (all while keeping your sanity intact)! Wedding's can be overwhelming. There is a lot to do, a lot to plan, and even more to worry about. Wedding planners can assist wherever possible, and make the bride and groom's lives much simpler. But before you can get to that stage, it is important to be prepared and at least think about certain aspects of your wedding. Many people don't know how to plan a wedding, especially planning one from beginning to end. Unless you're an experienced wedding planner, you probably wonder where to start. A few wedding plan tips offer solid advice on what you need to do!

Vera Tanger has lived an exciting life. As the wife of an ambassador, she's lived in many countries around the world, making her an expert in entertaining and etiquette. So when two of her three children announced that they were both getting married in the same year, they naturally turned to her for help. Enthusiastically, Vera put her global experience to work—and decided to share her experience and insight with others looking to plan weddings with ease, grace, and pleasure. Wedding planning, as every bride knows, is a complicated process—and every detail counts. The *Wedding Planner Notebook* was designed to help women get and stay organized, reduce the stress of planning, and stay on budget. Planning for the biggest event most will ever plan takes precision and care, and Vera's helpful and easy-to-use notebook helps brides keep everything in one place. You can put her extensive experience to work for you! Inside, you'll find a wealth of valuable tips and suggestions to save you time, money, and stress; methods for putting it all together, from the invitations to the ceremony to the reception; advice on how to not only create a budget—but how to stick to it; a handy tool to keep track of suppliers, vendors, and contacts; a guide to managing the pre-wedding planning schedule with ease. Easy to carry and use, the *Wedding Planner Notebook* was designed to accompany the bride at all times. It's a world of experience in your pocket! "

Man Nup: A Groom's Guide to Heroic Wedding Planning. A practical, hands-on guide for men who are up to the challenge of planning their own wedding. But what do you mean?! What's wrong with those 'other' wedding planning books They're great but they're written for a particular stereotype. *Man Nup* assumes you don't know anything about weddings. Like what a bridal salon is. Or a charger. Or why people buy aisle runners. This book explains wedding planning from the beginning: the budget, the guest list, the flowers, AV Club, bachelor parties in Vegas, handling drunk Aunt Mabel... Everything. Whether you're gay or straight, *Man Nup* is the wedding planning book you're looking for. In addition to giving you no-BS advice, *Man Nup* talks to real men who've actually planned their wedding. Be a man. Plan your wedding. Or at least don't look like an idiot about wedding planning.

Packed throughout with tips, tools, checklists, spreadsheets and schedules, a complete, three-ring-binder wedding planner includes tabs for: The Big Picture and Contacts; Budget; Location, Location, Location!; Menu and Flowers; Rentals; The Dress! (And What Everyone Else Is Wearing); The Guests and the Invitations; Music, Photography, and Videography; and more. A bold rethinking of the wedding ceremony - and what comes before and after - designed to prepare us for modern marriage. Planning your own wedding? If you're not using a full service wedding venue or planner, you've got a lot to keep track of. It's not that the tasks are hard - it's just that there's so many! Whether you're hiring professionals or doing it all yourself, this planner will help you stay on track and stick to your budget. When you've got the right information, it's easy to plan a fantastic wedding on your own. The book will walk you through the entire process, one step at a time. The planner is designed for couples who are organizing all the details themselves. There's plenty of how-to, tips and tricks. Plus tons of checklists and worksheets to help you decide on every detail for your wedding ceremony and reception. You'll know what to do every step of the way, from hiring an officiant to your last dance. Here's What's In The Book: Setting your budget Inspiration and style Comparing venues Catering options Deciding on your wedding menu DIY your wedding food or beverages Planning your bar Choosing rentals Planning your ceremony Planning your reception Creating a wedding day timeline Choosing an officiant Hiring a day-of coordinator Finding your photographer Choosing flowers Writing your invitations Hiring a DJ Choosing your baker Shopping for dresses and menswear Practical checklists and advice to plan the wedding you want The question has been popped, and now it's time for the planning--from your budget to the bridal party to bouquets, you may be wondering how to distill all the to-dos of your big day into small, digestible pieces. This portable wedding planner provides all the tools and tips you need to stay organized and stress-free. Streamlining the planning process into easy-to-navigate sections, this wedding planner provides essential checklists on fundamentals, like accessories and attire, venues and vendors, and flowers and décor. You'll also find plenty of trusted advice to keep you on track, including must-ask questions, comparison charts, timelines, and much more. This wedding planner includes: Low-key or lavish--Customize checklists to suit your wedding size and budget, whether it's a traditional ceremony, distant destination, backyard bash, or something completely different. Portable plans--Perfect for on-the-go planning, this wedding planner has all the checklists, tips, and questions you'll need condensed into one place. Wedding roadmap--From creative inspiration to custom invitations, this wedding planner walks you through the process of planning, prepping, and putting on your dream wedding. The *Little Book of Wedding Checklists* offers guidance for every big decision for your big day--packed neatly into a petite-sized wedding planner.

From the #1 wedding brand, the bestselling wedding book, updated with all-new budget ideas, online tools, and event planning and personalizing trends First comes love, then comes . . . planning! Before a fabulous celebration, there are vendors to hire, budgets to calculate, decisions galore to make. Packed with *The Knot's* top tips and worksheets, checklists, and contact sheets for you to fill in, this book is the one-stop resource that keeps brides focused but stress-free. *The Knot Ultimate Wedding Planner* paperback takes you through the process step by easy-to-follow step, with: · Budget worksheets (and all the latest digital tools for

keeping track of costs) as well as hundreds of invisible ways to cut costs when selecting everything from flowers to the venue and menu · Wedding planning timelines (including a brand-new express timeline for couples getting married in 3 months or fewer) · Guest list and invitation worksheets (with guidance on what you can now do online) · Vendor contract checklists (and tons of new online resources for finding the pros you need) · Fun ideas for personalizing your reception, from photo booths to signature cocktails in any color your heart desires · Web links and other useful resources for planning on the go (including recommended apps to download and up-to-the-minute advice on building your wedding website)

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.

Plan the Perfect Wedding on a Small Budget proves you don't have to spend a fortune to have a beautiful and unforgettable wedding.

The wedding planner companion to *A Practical Wedding*, with all the tools, tips, and strategies to get the celebration you want, on a budget you can actually afford, from conception to reality

Plan the Perfect Wedding In Half the Time! It really is possible to take care of the countless details and madness leading up to your big day and create the event you always envisioned—even with the clock ticking. And you can enjoy doing it!

Wedding expert Sharon Naylor gives an array of creative tips, clever shortcuts, and priceless secrets to make planning your wedding seamless. You will discover how to: · Save time and money and reduce stress while maintaining elegance · Organize and prioritize for maximum efficiency · Find the perfect ceremony and reception locations on short notice · Have fun and enjoy planning under a time constraint · And much, much more! "A smart, comprehensive guide to planning a wedding quickly and easily. Every engaged couple should own this invaluable resource!" —Diane Forden, editor in chief, *Bridal Guide Magazine*

Presents tips and inspiration for designing rustic wedding decorations, providing an alternative to traditional ballroom weddings and suggesting such non-traditional locations as country farms and backyard venues.

Offers ideas, advice, and inspirational images for planning a stylish wedding, covering all aspects of the ceremony and reception in detail.

"Making sure your wedding goes without a hitch is overwhelming--especially with the added pressure of staying on budget. Whether you have \$10,000 or \$1,000, wedding planner and author behind *The Budget Savvy Bride*, Jessica Bishop, helps you set a realistic budget with the organizational tools and insider tips in this wedding planner. Vowing to help you get organized and stay sane, this wedding planner helps you say "I do" on a budget that is right for you."--Amazon.com.

If you're looking for some great tips and ideas to help you plan your dream wedding on a tight budget, then this book is for you! So, you and your significant other have decided to take that glorious step to matrimony. You have your hearts a-flutter from the excitement of your impending nuptials. But the thought of the titanic costs behind every gorgeous wedding you've attended or heard about keeps dampening your collective spirits. Have No Fear! *The Mystical Wedding Budgeter* is here! In this book, I'll take you through all the little tips and tricks that allow financially-astute brides and grooms to have their beautiful wedding, at a fraction of the average cost. Some of these require creative, out-of-the-box thinking, while many others are simply achieved by meeting your expectations in unexpected places. Most of these, however, are tips that the myriad of services and agents specializing in wedding-related work would never advise you on; for the simple reason that their incomes would diminish if most weddings started following these guidelines.

The organized bride's guide to a stress-free wedding! Maybe you've been envisioning your wedding day since for years, or maybe you don't even know where to start with the planning process. No matter how long you've been planning this day, *The Everything Wedding Book* is your go-to resource, with all you need to plan a unique, memorable, and stress-free wedding. In this updated edition, trusted wedding planner Katie Martin shares her expertise on traditional wedding topics such as writing invitations, picking flowers, and creating a realistic budget. But she also covers new issues, like handling social media before, during, and after the wedding; getting the most out of a wedding website; and how to plan an eco-conscious wedding. From the guest list and invitations to the honeymoon and thank-you cards, this is your complete guide for the wedding of your dreams!

A companion to the popular website *A Practical Wedding.com* and *A Practical Wedding Planner*, *A Practical Wedding* helps you sort through the basics to create the wedding you want -- without going broke or crazy in the process. After all, what really matters on your wedding day is not so much how it looked as how it felt. In this refreshing guide, expert Meg Keene shares her secrets to planning a beautiful celebration that reflects your taste and your relationship. You'll discover: The real purpose of engagement (hint: it's not just about the planning) How to pinpoint what matters most to you and your partner DIY-ing your wedding: brilliant or crazy? How to communicate decisions to your family Why that color-coded spreadsheet is actually worth it *Wedding Zen* can be yours. Meg walks you through everything from choosing a venue to writing vows, complete with stories and advice from women who have been in the trenches: the Team Practical brides. So here's to the joyful wedding, the sensible wedding, the unbelievably fun wedding! *A Practical Wedding* is your complete guide to getting married with grace.

The complete book of wedding I DOs and DON'Ts from a professional wedding planner. From an experienced wedding planner comes the

first book that the bride-to-be should buy. It gives the real scoop on how the wedding business operates, so readers can avoid headaches like last-minute crises with her dress, flowers, and music, among other things. In addition, readers get practical budgeting tips, up-to-the-minute info on current trends—what works and what doesn't—and common-sense tips on dealing with sales and service people, family, friends, and yes, even the spouse-to-be. Readers can avoid headaches and heartaches such as: • Photographers or caterers run amok • Unexpected guests ... and nothing to feed them • An out-of-control budget • Hurt feelings in the family

Just like you, your wedding day will be personal, one-of-a-kind, and completely unique. We're not here to tell you what you should do to make your day perfect, only that you can do it. With advice and guidance on the individual aspects to consider when planning your wedding day - from where to begin and recommended questions to ask your supplier, to plenty of alternative decor ideas - we hope that you'll find inspiration, reassurance and a little bit of escapism in these pages as you embark on planning one of the most special and joyful days of your lives.

Wedding Planning and Management: Consultancy for Diverse Clients, 2nd Edition provides students, consultants, vendors, scholars and engaged couples with a comprehensive introduction to the business of weddings. Looking through an event management lens, this is the only book to thoroughly explore the fundamentals of weddings, including historical and cultural foundations, practice, and the business of wedding planning in one volume. An emphasis on diversity, traditions from cultures around the globe are integrated throughout with over 80 international case studies that inspire and set standards for best practice. Since the first edition, there have been many changes in the business of weddings and this second edition has been updated in the following ways: Updated content to reflect recent issues and trends in areas such as family dynamics, media influences, impacts of technology, legislation and the global economy. Every chapter is updated with the most recent research, statistics, vendor information and consultant guidelines. New international case studies explore current research, cultural traditions, vendor relations and consulting best practice. New companion website for instructors that includes PowerPoint slides, case study solutions, additional discussion ideas and assignments. The book is illustrated in full color and contains over 150 images by top wedding photojournalist Rodney Bailey end-of-chapter checklists, practical scenarios and review questions to test readers' knowledge as they progress. Maggie Daniels and Carrie Loveless bring a combination of over 40 years of industry practice and teaching experience, and have written a book that is the ideal guide to successful wedding planning and management.

Everything you need to make the wedding of your dreams come true, no matter what your vision, taste, or budget. Written by Mindy Weiss, the "megastar wedding planner" (People), *The Wedding Book* is the most comprehensive wedding guide published, and is now revised and updated for a new generation of brides- and grooms-to-be. . *The Wedding Book* is your fashion consultant, etiquette expert, menu planner, floral designer, and shoulder to lean on with advice if sticky family issues turn up. It's an insider source for contract negotiation and budget-stretching tips. It explains how to get the most out of Etsy, Pinterest, Instagram, and other social apps and websites—including how to use Uber for guest transportation. Whatever the subject—cakes, stationery, video (including drones!), lingerie, tents, insurance, port-a-potties, party favors, the toasts, looking great in photos, tipping, thank-you notes—*The Wedding Book* has the answer.

Rev. ed. of: *The everything wedding checklist: the gown, the guests, the groom, and everything else you shouldn't forget* / Janet Anastasio and Michelle Bevilacqua; with Leah Furman and Elina Furman. 2000.

Provides checklists and advice on planning a wedding, discussing such topics as reserving facilities, selecting vendors, and arranging the wedding ceremony.

Planning a wedding is the ultimate test in a relationship. From floral selections to uncomfortable conversations about money to feedback from well-meaning family members, the wedding planning process can seem a bit like a roller coaster. But it doesn't have to be! Whether you're throwing the wedding that everyone will talk about for years to come or a quiet garden party, this book is your back pocket strategy to keeping your relationships intact and your heart in the right place. I'll guide you in thinking strategically with examples from real-world couples that have been in your shoes, as well as respected industry professionals. Get ready to learn... The importance of prioritizing the happiness of you and your future spouse -- it really matters! How to think creatively about having the wedding of your dreams. (Hint: The little touches are what guests will remember!) The act of inviting joy and peace (instead of anxiety and stress) into wedding planning to relieve pressure, making your wedding day the first of many accomplishments to come. And so much more!

Gives the guidance and creative ideas for planning a simpler, economic and stress-free dream wedding. Original.

Expert advice for the perfect wedding day! She's met "the one" and set the date - now she needs your help to plan the big event! *The Everything Mother of the Bride Book*, 4th Edition is completely updated and revised with the latest information you need to get your daughter down the aisle in style. Wedding planner Katie Martin explains everything you'll need to know, including: Planning showers and engagement parties Meeting the future in-laws Navigating sticky situations like ex-spouses and former family members Picking out the perfect dress Knowing when to speak up - and when to keep quiet! Complete with new sections on social media etiquette, this practical guide covers everything you'll need to make sure your daughter has the perfect - and stress-free - day of her dreams.

A Simon & Schuster eBook. Simon & Schuster has a great book for every reader.

Wedding Planning For the Busy Feminist is filled with practical, funny advice from real brides, grooms and vendors about how to plan your dream wedding on a budget. It's also an empowering survival guide that examines how modern women feel conflicted about outdated traditions and expensive social media fantasies but kinda want the perfect wedding anyway. With tons of tips, interviews and funny stories, the book is about everything from dress shopping and confusing caterer gratuities to Pinterest anxiety and managing your partner's role in the process. Wedding planning can be stressful, so I'm here to make it easier - with advice like "nothing sexes up a ceremony like a hot usher" and true stories about what to do when your Maid of Honor drops out because of *WrestleMania*. The book dives into wedding planning, wedding budgets, dresses, wedding timelines, family drama, self-care, elopements, DIY decor, receptions, ceremonies, vows, speeches, changing your name, bachelor parties and bachelorette parties, photographers, themes, hashtags, favors and more. The appendix alone has over 300 bridal gown designers, accessory designers, plus size designers, decor inspiration, resale sites, invitations, favors, wedding apps and license information. I won't push you to include or exclude any particular tradition - my mantra is "you do you!"

Trying to plan a wedding that fits your budget? If you need to save money, you can DIY a bunch of stuff, but that'll only save a few dollars here and there. If you want to save thousands on your wedding, you need to start with the biggest expenses: your wedding venue and your menu. Maybe you thought you had a healthy budget, but now that you're researching, a lot of hotels and ballrooms are out of reach. Once you add up the minimum food & drink packages, some of them cost even more than your entire budget! To get a great wedding on a smaller budget, you'll need to choose a different venue. Follow along with the book to plan your own affordable wedding: In Part 1: we'll talk about why it's so

important to know what you're looking for. You'll figure out what's most important to you and your partner. In Part 2: we'll talk about how to find alternative venues. Your hometown has all kinds of hidden venues and once you know where to look, you'll be able to find the perfect one for you. In Part 3: it's time to talk about the food! We'll talk about different food services on different budgets. You'll figure out exactly what to serve, and how to serve it, right down to your drinks and cake. By the end of the book, you'll have all the information you need to choose a fantastic wedding venue and menu. While sticking to your budget! Here's What's in the Book: Start to picture your ideal wedding Choosing your date, style and schedule How to find alternative venues What to look for on venue tours Reading your contract Deciding on your food service How to choose a caterer Ordering restaurant catering Planning a DIY menu Feeding vegetarians Food allergies & special diets Planning your bar or beverages Choosing your wedding cake Don't blow your budget on the first thing you book - start reading now to find out where the best (and most affordable) wedding venues are!

In her first novel since *The Quick and the Dead* (a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize), the legendary writer takes us into an uncertain landscape after an environmental apocalypse, a world in which only the man-made has value, but some still wish to salvage the authentic. "She practices ... camouflage, except that instead of adapting to its environment, Williams's imagination, by remaining true to itself, reveals new colorations in the ecology around her." —A.O. Scott, *The New York Times Book Review* Kristen is a teenager who, her mother believes, was marked by greatness as a baby when she died for a moment and then came back to life. After Kristen's failing boarding school for gifted teens closes its doors, and she finds that her mother has disappeared, she ranges across the dead landscape and washes up at a "resort" on the shores of a mysterious, putrid lake the elderly residents there call "Big Girl." In a rotting honeycomb of rooms, these old ones plot actions to punish corporations and people they consider culpable in the destruction of the final scraps of nature's beauty. What will Kristen and Jeffrey, the precocious ten-year-old boy she meets there, learn from this "gabby seditious lot, in the worst of health but with kamikaze hearts, an army of the aged and ill, determined to refresh, through crackpot violence, a plundered earth"? Rivetingly strange and beautiful, and delivered with Williams's searing, deadpan wit, *Harrow* is their intertwined tale of paradise lost and of their reasons—against all reasonableness—to try and recover something of it.

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