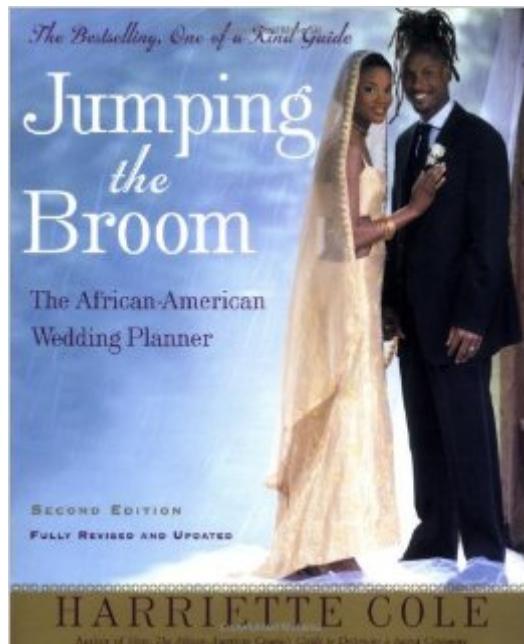


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Jumping The Broom, Second Edition: The African-American Wedding Planner



Synopsis

This gorgeous book is not merely a wedding guide, but a celebration of African-American culture. "BillboardJumping the Broom is newly revised for the twenty-first century. The bestselling and the first comprehensive wedding guide written and designed expressly for African Americans, it presents everything you need to know to plan an event that is truly an expression of your personal style and heritage. Harriette Cole, former fashion editor of Essence magazine, offers hundreds of original ideas for enhancing your wedding with Afrocentric touches at every stage from announcements, rings, and clothes to music, food, and vows. Her suggestions range from the simple, such as having your wedding rings cast with ancient Khamitic symbols, to the elaborate, such as adorning your wedding party in traditional Yoruba asooke formal wear, and an extensive resource guide will help you manage logistics. Historical anecdotes and information on cultural traditions from all over the Motherland as well as the Caribbean and the American South are sprinkled throughout. Lavishly illustrated, this new edition features twice the number of color photographs found in the original book and a completely up-to-date resource guide. Jumping the Broom makes an exquisite gift book for a special friend or family member and an indispensable planner for the most important day of your life.

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Customer Reviews

When my fiance and I began talking about our wedding, we both wanted to incorporate a traditional ritual commemorating our african-american heritage. We had both heard about the "Jumping the Broom" ritual, but neither of us had ever witnessed it or read any information (other than Alex

Haley's "Roots") I found this book at a black memorabilia shop. It was marvelous, not only for the information of the ritual, but also as a wedding planner and marriage preparation guide. I highly recommend this book as REQUIRED reading for any African-American couple contemplating marriage.

This book had lovely pictures and the text on African American History was interesting, but what it lacked was information on how to actually plan a ceremony. When and how do you jump the broom, what words can you use, what are your guest doing while you jump the broom. It left me still searching for information. Hopefully the follow up is better.

This book calls itself a wedding planner, but I don't recall too many sections that actually required the reader to ponder what they wanted, or for actually getting organized within certain sections. What this book succeeded at is suggested by its title: I really wanted to use a broom in our wedding ceremony by the time I'd finished this book. Sadly, not much else in the book suited me. It assumes a wedding where everyone involved is black, where there's a close community full of older friend and relatives, and where Afrocentric items are readily available or where you're willing to do mail-order and thus not get to bargain-hunt. For me, this book was only good for inspiration which, while nice, is less than what the title prepared me for.

The advice in this book is pretty timeless and it reads like a workbook, which is helpful, though I am not using it to plan my wedding. My cousin is in it too, so it was a "must buy" before my wedding. Every bride of the diaspora should flip through at least once.

I purchased this book because there was an article in the Essence magazine several years ago featuring a dress I really adored. The other stuff in the book didn't really interest me. When I located the dress I was looking for, it was hard to find information on where to buy the dress and who the designer is. Finally, I located resources in the back of book but it was a little hard to follow- I think the dresses and items referenced in the index should've had a better numbering system.

I ordered this book with the idea of looking for some help with my upcoming wedding. I am african-american that is marrying a African man from Ghana. I don't know much about African or african-american wedding culture and was hoping to get some ideas to incorporate into our wedding ceremony and reception. I was really disappointed the lack of ideas the book offered. This book is

really no different than a simple wedding planner. Aside from a few history tidbits and pictures the book offered nothing as for creating ethnic wedding. If you need a wedding planner this is the book for you, other than that don't buy this book looking for anything special that will help with your wedding ethinc wedding.

This book is an excellent wedding book that contains information on the traditions and history of African-American weddings. In fact the design of my wedding cake was from the picture featured in this book. I also had an African inspired gift table that was inspired by this book. The seller shipped it in a timely manner and it was in excellent condition.

The book is a very good tool in planning a wedding. The book gives a good historical view into weddings with pictures to reference. In particular, the book provides detail descriptions of various traditions including "jumping the broom." This is a great book to read for wedding planners, brides to be and those interested in history and cultural traditions.

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