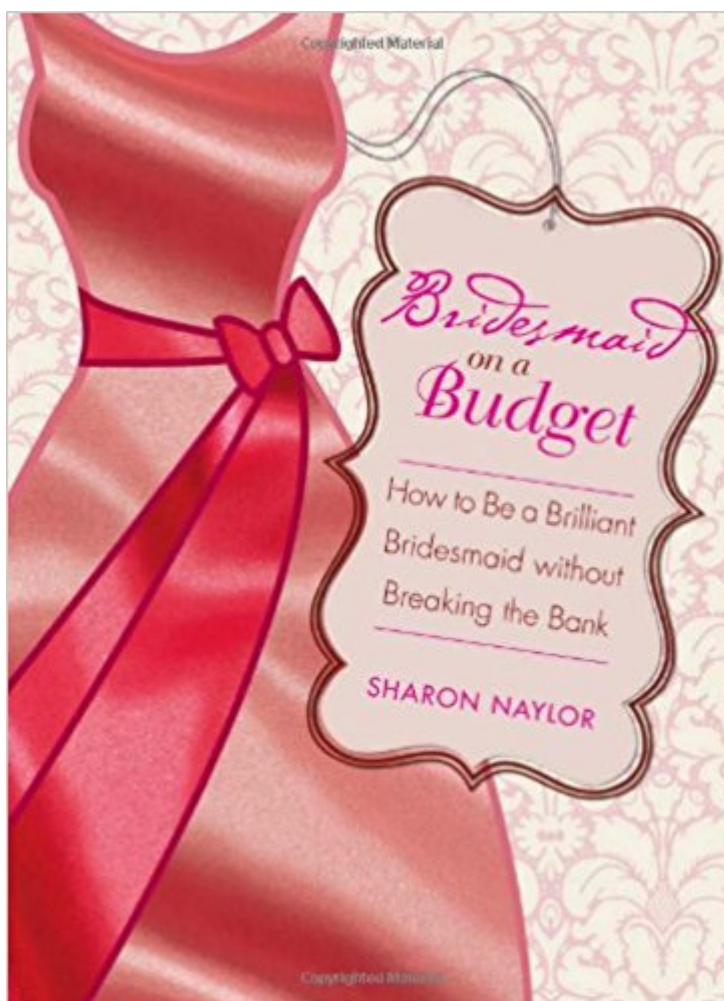


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# Bridesmaid On A Budget: How To Be A Brilliant Bridesmaid Without Breaking The Bank



## Synopsis

Bridesmaids today face an average expense of more than \$3,000 when they accept the invitation to be in a bridal party. Add in the cost of travel and lodging, which is increasingly becoming necessary, with the growing popularity of destination weddings; and that \$3,000 climbs to an even higher price tag. It's hard to say no when a friend asks you to be a part of their wedding, but in this economy, most bridesmaids just don't have the money to participate; not without ending up with a handful of maxed-out credit cards and a whole lot of resentment, anyway. In *Bridesmaid on a Budget*, Sharon Naylor; the author of multiple best-selling budgeting books for brides; offers women advice on how to beat the system. Naylor gives tips on where to find the best, most affordable dresses and accessories; planning fantastic (but low-cost) showers and bachelorette parties; giving a great wedding gift without emptying your pocketbook; minimizing the extra expenses of a destination wedding; and more. For the almost 10 million women per year who become one, *Bridesmaid on a Budget* is an indispensable guide to being a brilliant bridesmaid; without breaking the bank.

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Sharon Naylor is the bestselling and internationally-renowned author of over 35 wedding books, including *The Complete Outdoor Wedding Planner*, *Bridesmaid on a Budget*, *The Mother of the Bride Book*, *Mother of the Groom*, and many more award-winning titles. She has been featured in *Bridal Guide*, *Southern Bride*, *Brides*, *InStyle Weddings*, *New York Weddings*, *Destination I Do*, *VOWS*, and many other top bridal publications, as well as in *Glamour*, *Redbook*, *Better Homes and*

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I read this book cover to cover and it is filled with my notes and dog-ears for useful tips. And I mean useful for anyone, not just bridesmaids (I'm a bride myself). Like, how much food to buy for a party, and great gift ideas for under \$25. I just went to the bridal shower of my friend two days ago and my gift to her was one I found in this book: DIY personalized placemats. I never would have thought of putting iron-on transfers on placemats, but I used quotes from her favorite author along with some paint and stencils, and they turned out beautifully! She loved them, and I spent half of the national average price of bridal shower gifts. Yes, this book tells you what that national average is. \$72. Love this book.

got these books for my bridesmaids and they loved the idea because neither had been in a wedding before.

Current book with excellent tips on budget-friendly items/ideas. Going to use the bridal shower ideas and good etiquette tips too.

Bridesmaid on a Budget: How to Be a Brilliant Bridesmaid without Breaking the Bank is a book I found to be not only very informative, but also quite interesting, as well - easy to read. I'm a wedding planner, not a bridesmaid, so I already have a good acquaintance with saving money on wedding stuff. Still, my copy has a lot of underlinings and stars to mark important points I want to be able to find again quickly (including parts of the Index). The advice throughout the book covers ALL the aspects of being a bridesmaid - at least anything that might require money to be spent - with lots of tips on giving and getting the best while spending less. But the Resources section at the end is worth the price of the book on its own! I highly recommend this book to all bridesmaids - and to

brides and those who help them.

As an event planner, I will be recommending that all my bridal clients purchase this book for each of their weddings. This is a must have reference piece for any bride to be and her bridal party. Once again Sharon you have out done yourself. Great Book!!!!

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