

Since our last roundup of favourite wedding readings, we've experienced a whirlwind of beautiful ceremonies filled with laughter, romance, and heartfelt emotions. As the trend for personalized nuptials grows, we've curated a brand-new selection of the top 10 wedding readings that are guaranteed to touch the hearts of your guests.

Discover the perfect mix of contemporary wedding readings in our latest collection. From witty excerpts that promise to bring a smile to everyone's face to poignant pieces that eloquently express love and togetherness, our picks cater to the diverse tastes of modern couples. These readings are not only current and engaging but also resonate deeply, often moving guests to both laughter and tears.

In our commitment to making your special day unforgettable, we present readings that are fresh, captivating, and easy for your chosen friend or family member to deliver. Imagine the sound of your loved ones' laughter and the sight of their joy-filled or teary-eyed expressions as they listen to readings that truly encapsulate the essence of your bond.

Choosing the perfect wedding reading can be a beautiful journey in itself, and we're here to guide you. Select from our thoughtfully compiled list of contemporary readings, and let a dear one's voice elevate your ceremony to new heights. With our top picks, prepare to witness an atmosphere of love that will linger in memories long after the "I do's."

TIME TRAVELLERS

by Terah Cox

May you take on the world together with all your hopes and dreams,
may you be each other's anchor in smooth or rocky seas.

May you bend to the world's winds and brave stalls and storms,
may you find common ground in all its changing forms.

May you cross stubborn boundaries and turn many a stone,
may you find haven for your souls, may you have heart and home.

And if some days are grey and some nights are long and cold,
May you be each other's sun and moon as your destinies unfold.

And should you lose sight of each other and start to drift apart,
may you circle back by following the compass of your hearts.

"Foxtrot From a Play," by W H Auden

The soldier loves his rifle,
The scholar loves his books,
The farmer loves his horses,
The film star loves her looks.
There's love the whole world over
Wherever you may be;
Some lose their rest for gay Mae West,
But you're my cup of tea.

Some talk of Alexander
And some of Fred Astaire,
Some like their heroes hairy
Some like them debonair,
Some prefer a curate
And some an A.D.C.,
Some like a tough to treat 'em rough,
But you're my cup of tea.

Some are mad on Airedales
And some on Pekinese,
On tabby cats or parrots
Or guinea pigs or geese.
There are patients in asylums
Who think that they're a tree;
I had an aunt who loved a plant,
But you're my cup of tea.

Some have sagging waistlines
And some a bulbous nose
And some a floating kidney
And some have hammer toes,
Some have tennis elbow
And some have housemaid's knee,
And some I know have got B.O.,
But you're my cup of tea.

The blackbird loves the earthworm,
The adder loves the sun,
The polar bear an iceberg,
The elephant a bun,
The trout enjoys the river,
The whale enjoys the sea,
And dogs love most an old lamp-post,
But you're my cup of tea.

I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU

Louise Cuddon

I'll be there, my darling, through thick and through thin

When your mind's in a mess and your head's in a spin

When your plane's been delayed, and you've missed the last train.

When life is just threatening to drive you insane

When your thrilling whodunit has lost its last page

When somebody tells you, you're looking your age

When your coffee's too cool, and your wine is too warm

When the forecast said, "Fine," but you're out in a storm

When your quick break hotel, turns into a slum

And your holiday photos show only your thumb

When you park for five minutes in a resident's bay

And return to discover you've been towed away

When the jeans that you bought in hope or in haste

Just stick on your hips and don't reach round your waist

When the food you most like brings you out in red rashes

When as soon as you boot up the bloody thing crashes

So my darling, my sweetheart, my dear...

When you break a rule, when you act the fool

When you've got the flu, when you're in a stew

When you're last in the queue, don't feel blue

'cause I'm telling you, I'll be there.

THE ONE

Author Unknown

When the one whose hand you're holding
Is the one who holds your heart
When the one whose eyes you gaze into
Gives your hopes and dreams their start,
When the one you think of first and last
Is the one who holds you tight,
And the things you plan together
Make the whole world seem just right,
When the one whom you believe in
puts their faith and trust in you,
You've found the one and only love
You'll share your whole life through.

GAME OF THRONES

Khaleesi and Khal Drogo's Wedding Vows

As you are the Moon of his life, he shall be your Sun and Stars. Your love shall be as ever present as those two celestial bodies...even though they are sometimes hidden from one another's sight. Your love will be the guiding force that charts the course of your tomorrows, holds your world together in difficult times, and will make life itself shine bolder and brighter than we human beings have a right to dream of.

Excerpt from THE BRIDGE ACROSS FOREVER

Richard Bach

A soulmate is someone who has locks that fit our keys, and keys to fit our locks. When we feel safe enough to open the locks, our truest selves step out and we can be completely and honestly who we are; we can be loved for who we are and not for who we're pretending to be. Each unveils the best part of the other. No matter what else goes wrong around us, with that one person we're safe in our own paradise. Our soulmate is someone who shares our deepest longings, our sense of direction. When we're two balloons, and together our direction is up, chances are we've found the right person. Our soulmate is the one who makes life come to life.

WHAT IS A SOUL MATE

Emily Matthews

If you have found a smile that is the sweetest one you've known,
If you have heard, within a voice, the echoes of your own,
If you have felt a touch that stirs the longings of your heart,

And still can feel that closeness in the moments you're apart,
If you have filled with wonder at the way two lives can blend
To weave a perfect pattern that is seamless, end to end,
If you believe some things in life are simply meant to be,
Then you have found your soul mate, your heart's own destiny.

HERE'S TO RIGHT NOW

Ms. Moem

You're surrounded by your loved ones
And all are wishing you well,
As you create a brand new chapter
In the story that's yours to tell.

We talk about the memories
You have yet to make together
And the moments you've already shared
To be carried with you forever.

But take the time to live today
As your marriage begins,
Look around and soak it up;
the moment we are in.

For this is where the magic starts
When you both say your vows.
You pledge to spend your lives as one
Because of the love you feel now.

So yes, here's to a future
that is bright and warm and clear.
But more than that, here's to right now
And what it means to be here.

MAYBE

Anonymous

Maybe we are supposed to meet the wrong people before we meet the right one so
when they finally arrive we are truly grateful for the gift we have been given.

Maybe it's true that we don't know what we have lost until we lose it but it is also true
that we don't know what we're missing until it arrives.

Maybe the happiest of people don't have the best of everything, but make the best of everything that comes their way.

Maybe the best kind of love is the kind where you sit on the sofa together, not saying a word, and walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you ever had.

Maybe once in a lifetime, you find someone who not only touches your heart but also your soul, someone who loves you for who you are and not what you could be.

Maybe the art of true love is not about finding the perfect person, but about seeing an imperfect person perfectly.

EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT LOVE

Dolly Alderton

I know that love can be loud and jubilant...It can be dancing in the swampy mud and the pouring rain at a festival and shouting "YOU ARE AMAZING" over the band. It's introducing them to your colleagues at a work event and basking in pride as they make people laugh and make you look lovable just by dint of being loved by them.

It's laughing until you wheeze.

It's waking up in a country neither of you have been in before.

It's skinny-dipping at dawn. It's walking along the street together on a Saturday night and feeling an entire city is yours.

It's a big, beautiful, ebullient force of nature.

I also know that love is a pretty quiet thing.

It's lying on the sofa together drinking coffee, talking about where you're going to go that morning to drink more coffee. It's folding down pages of books you think they'd find interesting.

It's hanging up their laundry when they leave the house having moronically forgotten to take it out of the washing machine.

It's saying 'You're safer here than in a car' as they hyperventilate on an EasyJet flight to Dublin.

It's the texts: 'Hope your day goes well', 'How did today go?', 'Thinking of you today' and 'Picked up loo roll'.

I know that love happens under the splendour of moon and stars and fireworks and sunsets but it also happens when you're lying on blow-up airbeds in a childhood bedroom, sitting in A&E or in the queue for a passport, or in a traffic jam.

Love is a quiet, reassuring, relaxing, pottering, pedantic, harmonious hum of a thing; something you can easily forget is there, even though its palms are outstretched beneath you in case you fall.