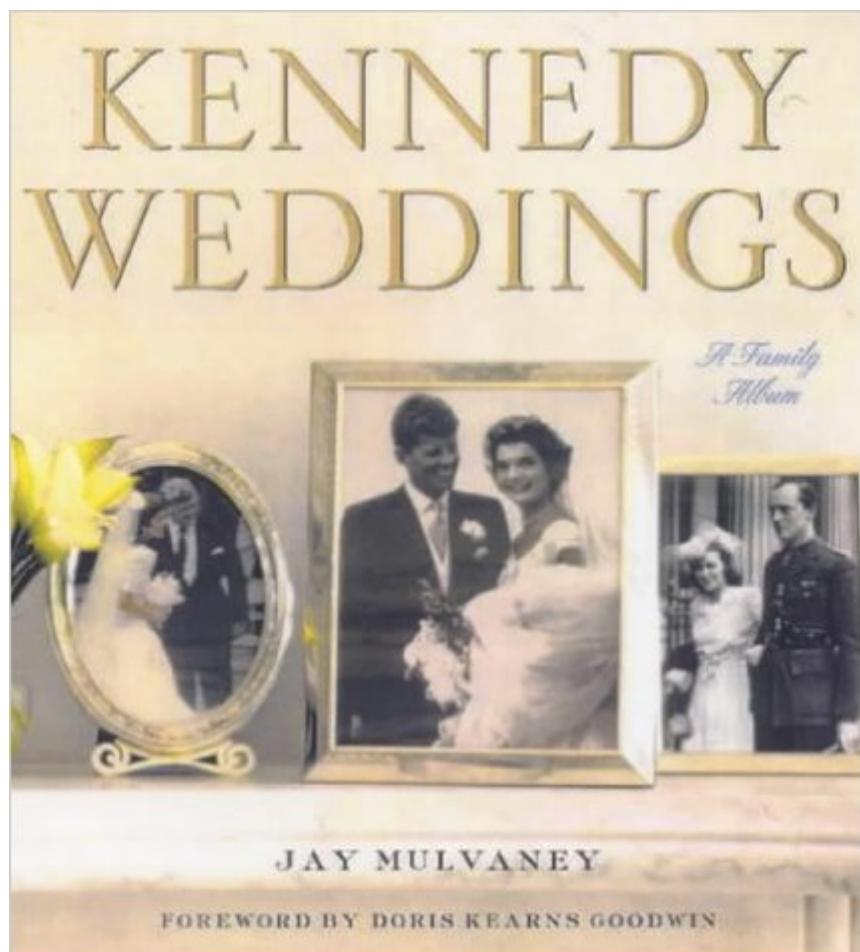


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# Kennedy Weddings: A Family Album



## **Synopsis**

From Joe and Rose's private wedding in the Archbishop of Boston's personal chapel, full circle to John and Carolyn's secret nuptials in a former slave chapel on a secluded island, Kennedy Weddings takes you to each event, with photographs, anecdotes, memories and souvenirs. For three generations the Kennedy family has been in the public eye, and for three generations their marriages have been the equivalent of "Royal Matches." This book covers the senior generation wedding of Joe and Rose, the second generation weddings--most notably of Jack and Jackie, Bobby and Ethel--and all of the third generation weddings: John Jr. and Carolyn Bessette, Caroline and Ed Schlossberg, Maria Shriver and Arnold Schwarzenegger, Kerry and Andrew Cuomo, Kathleen and Peter Townsend, Courtney and Paul Hill, Michael and Victoria Gifford. The accompanying images, acquired from members of the Kennedy family, private collections of friends, and the JFK Library and National Archives, are as rare as they are unusual--many have never been published, or were published only at the time of the wedding. Kennedy Weddings is the result of years of extensive research and has benefited from the unprecedented cooperation of many members of the Kennedy family, most especially of Senator Edward Kennedy's office.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Jay Mulvaney was on the TODAY show talking about this wonderful book all full of photographs from all the different Kennedy weddings...and it was so nice to finally see a happy book about the Kennedy family. The book is wonderful...it's got so many pictures, but also tells the whole story of

the family and the many wonderful things they've done throughout the years. My favorite family was the Shrivvers...they are so gorgeous, Maria of course, but also her brothers Anthony, Mark and Timothy. There are lots of stories and anecdotes from each of the weddings, and you get to see some honeymoon photos and pictures of wedding gifts and so many private photographs of the Kennedys. a MUST HAVE for anyone who likes the Kennedys and who likes weddings.

For all Kennedy lovers, this book is fantastic. There are a lot of never before seen pictures of Jack and Jackie and the rest of the clan. Very intresting information on each wedding. A definite must have if you collect anything Kennedy.

Forget politics. This book has nothing to do with that. Think instead of a large family with lots of weddings--I counted thirty-one--and lots of money to make them impressive. Think of beautiful people, happy brides and grooms, spectacular dresses, and lovely settings. This book is a collection of wonderful wedding pictures of three generations of Kennedys, the older photographs mostly in black and white and the more recent ones mostly in color. The pictures all have detailed captions and there is narrative about each bride and groom and ceremony. The book is divided into three sections--the first dealing with the wedding of Joseph Kennedy and Rose Fitzgerald, the second covering the marriages of their children, and the third showing the weddings of their grandchildren. A family tree at the beginning is helpful in keeping track of who's who. Everyone will have his own favorites among the photographs--I liked the ones of Ethel, whose face absolutely glows with happiness. If you enjoy looking at wedding pictures--and who doesn't?--you're bound to like this book.

Here's a book of captivating photographs and stories about the wedding celebrations and private relationships of a very public American family. I found myself remembering special moments from weddings of my own friends and family. My wife and I were young newlyweds along with Jack & Jackie. You DO remember 'where you were when...' Reading this book together was a pleasant way to spend a Sunday afternoon.

Sometimes I love the Kennedys, sometimes I wish they'd all go away on an extended retreat. But I've got to admit that this book was an absolute lovefest that I couldn't put down. The fact that Mulvaney had such amazing access to their most intimate moments is astounding--I'd love to know how he did it. Great pix, lively text, and a very good-looking bunch of people. As much fun as eating

a pint of ice cream at one sitting!

For me this book has been a research savior. I have a bridal fashion blog and do a regular feature on iconic weddings. What could be more iconic to Americans than our numero uno political family getting married? Now with three generations of them limelighted, you can imagine how often a Kennedy anniversary pops up on the calendar. The most celebrated of all would be JFK and Jackie's nuptials, the author sharing so much new and unique info that even ten years after the book's publication, the google search is lacking. If you're curious about other Kennedys who aren't so much in the public eye, here's your chance to get to know all about their courtships and time and place in history. For instance, I learned that JFK's sisters Pat and Jean whose 1950s weddings were a couple years apart, wore the very same gown designed by Hattie Carnagie. And did you know Jackie's gown and wedding style were not the type she particularly wanted? To find out more tidbits though you need to sit down with this book. I gaurentee you'll get thoroughly lost in it . . . .

Beautiful photographs of family weddings. Nice of the Kennedy family to share the photo's of their private moments. Obviously there are 3 photographers who do their weddings and they had permission to run these photos. One of the photographers was Jay Mulvaney and another man called Mr. Reggie took JFK JR and Carolyn's pictures in addition to Arnold and Maria's pictures and the reason I would imagine he is so discreet as his sister is the second wife of Ted Kennedy, Victoria Reggie.) These photographers would make a small fortune if they ever released pictures not previously seen. It would be nice to see more than one of John and Carolyn's wedding, but I guess that is up to the Kennedy's and the Bessette's and they would have to be in agreement. Knowing how much Caroline Kennedy hates the press I doubt it will ever happen.

As a long time admirer of the Kennedy's I really liked this book. The up til now unpublished photographs are wonderful... however I was left wondering why the "first" wives of all the Kennedy men were given no more than a nod.. most notable was Joan Bennett's wedding to Ted. A few pictures and little text were all that were afforded them. Perhaps there was not very much cooperation on the part of the ex Mrs. Kennedy's but for what ever reason is it jarring. Also Robin Lawford is shown and mentioned at her sister's weddings.. however in the family chart at the front of the book she is left out. Perhaps I am being picky about a book that shows us the good times in this family. The radiant brides and the handsome grooms on the happiest days of their lives are touching and memorable.

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