



# Monthly Booklist

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Picture books for young children  
about weddings.

*Dodo Gets Married* by Petra Mathers. (2001) Ages 4-8

In this wacky and endearing story, Dodo woos, then marries, a cranky Coast Guard captain.

*Hattie Baked a Wedding Cake* by Toby Speed, illus. by Cathi Hepworth. (1994) Ages 4-8

Hattie absentmindedly bakes much of what's needed for a wedding right into the cake, which she bakes in a tuba, causing some major gaps in the ceremony until Hattie saves the day.

*Lilly's Big Day* by Kevin Henkes. (2006) Ages 4-8

Lilly's teacher is marrying the school nurse, and Lilly thinks she'll make "The World's Best and Most Famous Flower Girl." The only problem is that the job belongs to someone else!

*Uncle Bobby's Wedding* by Sarah S. Brannen. (2008) Ages 3-7

Bobby's niece, Chloe, is worried that she won't matter to him after he's married. The fact that Bobby is marrying another male guinea pig is only incidental to the plot.

*Uncle Peter's Amazing Chinese Wedding* by Leonore Look, illus. by Yumi Heo. (2006) Ages 4-8

After all the traditional festivities (jumping on the bed, honoring the ancestors), and with some help from her new aunt, Jenny realizes that she's still her uncle's "awesome, special girl."

*The Wedding* by Angela Johnson. (1999) Ages 3-7

When Daisy's sister marries Jamal, the family is both joyful and wistful. The autumn wedding day creates memories that ease the transition of the sister leaving home.

*Here Comes Our Bride: An African Wedding Story* by Ifeoma Onyefulu. (2004) Ages 3-7

In Benin City, Nigeria, a wedding is the union of two families. It involves customs like teasing, playing tricks, and talking to ancestors, all made accessible by photographs and a familiar tone.

*Weddings* by Ann Morris, photos by Ken Heyman. (1995) Ages 3-7

Photographs and brief text show customs and costumes from weddings (defined here as between a man and a woman) around the world, including Morocco, Poland, Iran, Ghana, and India.

*The Rabbits' Wedding* by Garth Williams. (1958) Ages 2-5

This innocuous tale about a playful courtship and wedding was very controversial in 1958, when some saw the union of a black and a white rabbit as an endorsement of interracial marriage.

*The Wedding* by Eve Bunting, illus. by Iza Trapani. (2003) Ages 3-7

Miss Brindle Cow helps other animals get to town in time for a wedding, which turns out to be her own. The rhyming text is full of interesting words like *perch*, *proceed*, and *catastrophe*.