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Editor's Note...

I decided to make the focus of this issue be weddings and all that they entail because, like it or not, May is the official start of "wedding season", and it usually lasts until September. I personally have only been to one wedding in the past 4 years, but this is not something I am upset about.

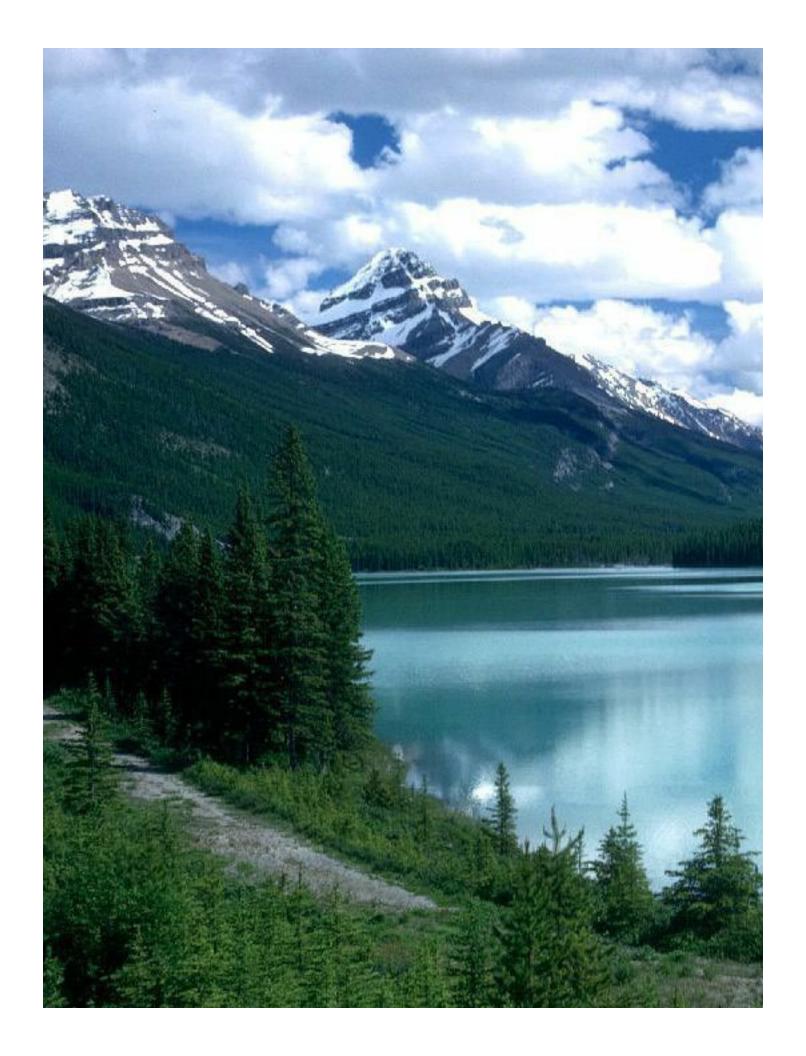
I enjoy weddings and all the uncomfortable family moments that they inevitably involve. However, it can get expensive to go to wedding after wedding, especially if you're lucky (?) enough to be part of the bridal party. Add to the purchase of a dress, shoes, make-up services, travel, lodging, and gifts, weddings can turn into a headache that no amount of gin and tonics can soothe.

All that being said, I do enjoy watching two people I care about express their love for one another. It's a miracle that people still find someone they willingly want to wake up next to everyday. I can celebrate that.

I can totally get down to "Getting Jiggy Wit It" to that. Plus, Bridal Fashion Week recently ended and I like pretty dresses.

Mildred Lee





TOP Honeymoon Destinations

Is there anything better than planning a honeymoon? Seriously, I've never been married, so I don't know. Truth be told, I don't even have a boyfriend, let alone a fiance, so I truly am in the dark here. BUT! It would seem that planning the most expensive trip you'll ever take (probs) would be fun. If anything, it should be interesting. You and your beloved, hunched over your overheated MacBook Pro, straining to see the grainy pictures people have posted to Trip Advisor. Is that a seashell? Maybe it's a speck of dust? Who knows! Oh, the thrill of it!

In order to quell your anxious hearts and minds of "Just where do I start?!?!" panic, I have put forth this heady list of 5 awesomely spectacular honeymoon destinations. This is by no means an exhaustive list. I have never even been to any of these places, but does that matter?

Probs not.



1. Alaska

Imagine, waking up and feeling the frostbite on your skin. *Ahhhhh*, memories.

Start your days hiking for berries and avoiding the local wildlife.

Spend the afternoons in your luxury hotel's hot tub and dine on fresh salmon, locally farmed!

Spend the nights gazing into the northern lights. Dare you to blink.



2. Greece



A friend of mine once went to Greece. That's the extent of my knowledge of this historic country. That and all the things I have forgotten from high school and gen ed college courses.

Oh look! Ruins! The Sea! Olive trees!

For reals though, it looks amazeballs. You should definitely go here for your honeymoon. Make his annoying parents pay for it and promise you'll name the first grandchild after some relative. Don't worry, you can totally cross your fingers behind your back. We all know Uncle Winston is racist as fuck.







3. Aruba





Okay, full disclsosure, I totally wanted to go to Aruba on my honeymoon, like a billion years ago, when I was engaged to the absolute worst person for me, ever.

Looks fantastic though, and you should totally go.

4. English Countryside



You wake up and you can't believe your good fortune. Not only did you manage to pull off a fanstically chic, romantic, and under-budget wedding to your dreamy lover, but that dreamy lover, now husband, is Tom Hiddleston. And he's taken you to the English countryside. And he's naked beside you.

The world is your fucking oyster. Go shuck.





5. Milan







Are you looking at the same images I am? Do I *really* need to give you a reason to pick this place as your honeymoon destination? Seriously? Ugh, fine.

Fashion!

Italian leather!

Pasta!

Wine!

Other various Italian foods...

"thilling to look at ... thilling to drive !"



Chrome wheel trim rings and white sidewall tires optional at extra cost.

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Bridal Fashions for Every Bride....

It's Raining Gowns!

The following pages are filled with gorgeous gowns that are sure to tantalize and romanticize weddings for you in a way that no other ladymag has ever done before. Gird your loins, and prepare your bank accounts.

And, also your poor, unsuspecting boyfriend.

Carolina Herrera







Amsale







Houghton







Vera Wang

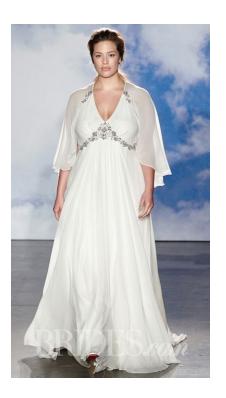






Jenny Peckham







Lela Rose







Oscar de La Renta









Temperly London







Monique Lhuiller







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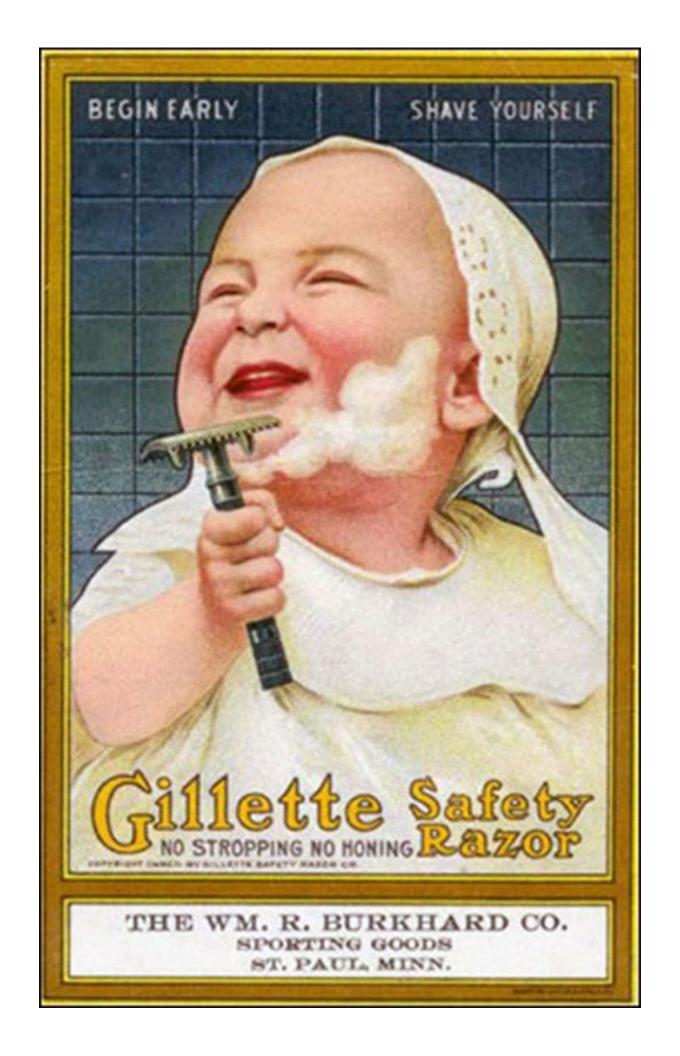


Alberta Feretti









Let's Hear it for the (Flower) Girls

Is there anything more precious than little girls dressed up in miniature wedding dresses? Look at them, barely out of their baby clothes and already marching down the aisle. If you're going to invest in one of these designer frocks, I suggest you also invest in a smock to cover it once the reception starts. Oh, do you also have one of those designer baby girls who know not to smear red velvet cake all over their dress in lieu of a napkin?

Well then, carry on.



Oscar de la Renta flower girl gowns, because why not? You're already in debt.

Bridal Fashions for Every Bride....

Jumping for Joy in Jumpsuits

I've always felt that if I ever got married, I would do so in a dress that I found on the sale rack at J. Crew. I am very much in favor of simple lines and small price tags. J. Crew's wedding and parties collections have always been classically understated in a very refined manner.

It's as if simple, white, bone china were made into a clothing line. It's so classic,

that it was classic before anyone even realized.

The latest collection features more jumpsuits for that spunky bride who doesn't mind getting completely undressed every time she has to go to the bathroom. For reals, every time. You have to pee. You have to take everything off.

That being said, I do enjoy the wide variety of formal wedding attire that is flooding the market nowadays. It used to be, everyone was expected to wear some hideous taffeta ball gown with beading all over the bodice, that weighed 50 lbs.

Thank God, the times they are a changin'.













Bridesmaid Dresses You'll Want to Keep!

SO, you've been invited to participate in your dear friend from grad school's wedding. You're thrilled and flattered and just a little excited to get away for the weekend and maybe have a wedding hookup. Things are great! Right?

Just as you've agreed aloud to be a part of friend's public declaration of love, dread sinks into your gut as she says those freakishly, terror inducing words...bridesmaid dress.



You stutter; you stumble and fumble your way through the end of the conversation to where she says she's emailing you a link to the dresses she has picked out. Sweat is glistening on your forehead as you make your way over to the make-shift desk your dining room table doubles as. You flip open your laptop and click into your Outlook.

Oh, what a pleasant surprise! The link goes to The Reformation. You breathe a sigh of relief and scroll through the dress options she has selected. You should have never doubted your smart, sassy, and stylish grad school friend.

All is good in the world and you get to wear this dress over and over again.



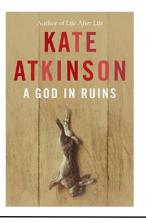


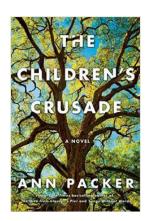


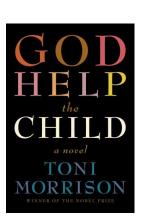


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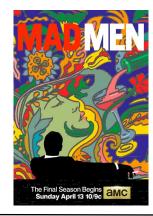




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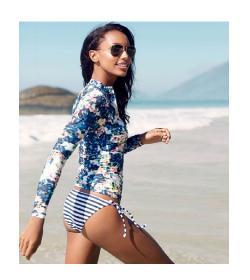






Spring Prints

Floral & Stripes

























Floral & Table





















SPRING TO SUMMER WAS SENTIALS

1. Tote



2. Trench





3. Slim Cropped Pant



4. Printed Blouse





5. Nude Heel











