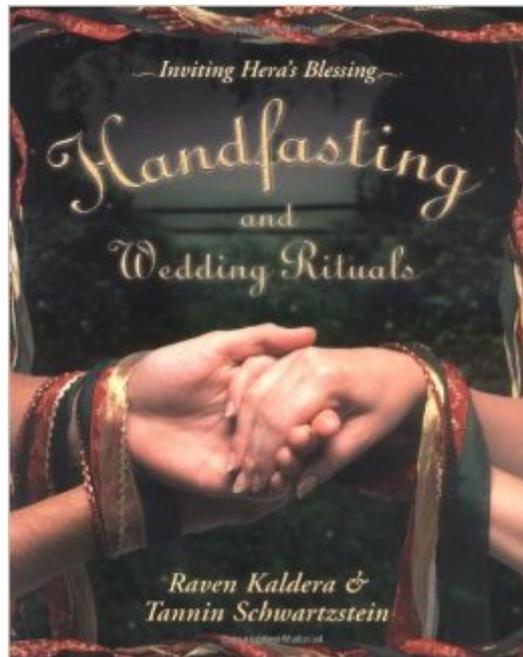


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# Handfasting And Wedding Rituals: Welcoming Hera's Blessing



## Synopsis

Handfasting and Wedding Rituals has everything you need to plan the perfect Pagan wedding. You'll find advice and examples to help you with basic wedding planning, writing vows, and ritual construction, along with practical tips and great ideas about everything from low-cost wedding favors to candle and bonfire safety. Handfasting and Wedding Rituals also includes sixteen full rites honoring a wide variety of Pagan traditions. Rituals in their full form can be used exactly as printed or modified to fit your needs. Each rite is categorized as level one, two, or three depending on their level of overt Pagan content and degree of participation expected from your guests.

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## Customer Reviews

It turns out that the first Pagan ritual I ever wrote was my own handfasting. I was having a difficult time coming up with a Welcoming of the Quarters that I was happy with. My husband and I are both musicians, and this book contained a wonderful idea of a musical welcoming of the quarters. It was perfect! There are several other good ideas in this book, and I used many of them. Ideas were rated for general use, "Pagan Light", and more in-depth Pagan rituals. Since 75 of my guests were non-Pagan friends and family, I found several good ideas here about keeping the ritual Pagan but still something that non-Pagans could easily understand and relate to. This book also addresses creative ways to handle various situations - inclusion of children from a previous marriage, interfaith marriages, and commitment ceremonies. I can't recommend this book enough!

My fiance and I are non-pagan wishing to incorporate this ritual into our ceremony. This is important to note up front, because the level of usefulness of this book does depend on what you're looking for. We were looking for instruction on constructing this ritual in a respecting way for its tradition and respecting who we are as a couple. To us, there were a couple of useful PAGES in this book. We found a very lovely Level 1 vow that we will use (and that has saved us from searching through countless other books to find our vows or writing them....so that was extremely useful). We also decided to do a very subtle level 1 call to the elements/quarters (poetic). It's beautiful, and very doubtful that anyone will recognize it. We're going to use the Maid of Honor, Best Man, Bride, Groom, and Officiant for this. We're Unitarian, and because of this, we have at our disposal the whole host of beautiful wedding traditions. We're not 'locked into' any one particular rite. We're going to adapt what we use into our Chalice lighting (a rite that happens at the beginning of each Unitarian service, and we would like at our wedding). That being said: I was looking for the meanings of the cords rather than the ceremonies for Pagan - Catholic marriage. The authors have clearly put a lot into this work and making a wonderful pagan wedding reference. But if you're not pagan (or neopagan), much of what they are offering is not going to work in your slightly non-traditional non-pagan wedding ceremony. Understand you'll be using only a few pages of this reference, and be good with that. I will also grant: The pages you use will be VERY valuable to you.

This book is a must have for every Pagan library, and for non-Pagans alike! Not only are the Pagan handfastings & wedding rituals included that have been so sought after, but interfaith and alternative (gay & polyamorous) weddings as well. There is no other comprehensive book out on the market today that will give you a such a great deal of information and wonderful hints for planning & writing a Pagan/Alternative wedding ceremony. A thousand thanks to Raven Kaldera & Tannin Schwartzstein for writing such a needed book for the Pagan community!

This book is wonderful resource for those practicing earth-based religion, or simply non-traditionalists. (I try not to use "pagan.") The book details each part of the of the handfasting ritual. It is divided into sections and includes several options of verbage for each part of the ceremony. You can use exactly what is written or take pieces of ritual and create your own. I really enjoyed reading this book and I found numerous ideas that I will incorporate in my own handfasting. Also, the author has a rating system for each ritual. From generally spiritual to heavily "pagan." This is so useful when planning a wedding for a mixed-religious audience. I highly recommend this book for those who want a true handfasting.

I found this book wonderful. I was having trouble writing our ceremony as I'm the Pagan and my husband is very Atheist. We wanted something that would honour my way of life, and as long as hubby didn't have to say anything he was happy. This book has some fantastic mixed-faith ceremonies, which really came in handy for us. I recommend this book to all my Pagan friends when they say they're engaged and planning their handfasting!

The book is great if you are looking for rituals and vows; however it offers little in the way of help for cords, astrological timing and many other aspects that will affect that special day.

A great book for one who is planning a Handfasting ceremony, or officiating one. This is a must for anyone in the specialized ministries, especially medieval type ceremonies. There are many ceremonies in this book to choose from, or, if you like, take parts of many different ones to customize your own. There will be a lot of people wanting to borrow this book, so make sure that, if you loan it to them, they will return it, as you will always want to keep it in your library. Better yet, recommend that they buy one that is available at !!!

This book came at the right time for us. There was no information in it new to us - we had plenty of data. Still the organization of the book providing organization of a handfasting was very good. The "calm down and get through it" attitude was very good. Once again, the organization and the calm approach were worth the price.

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