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Funny wedding readings for your ceremony

Add some humour to your wedding with these funny wedding readings, perfect for a civil ceremony.

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We do love a funny wedding reading. Image: Rik Pennington

Are you looking for some funny **wedding readings to add a bit of humour to your ceremony? Why not try one of these gorgeous poems and extracts to get your guests smiling.**

This funny wedding reading has become a bit of a classic - and for good reason! It perfectly sums up most modern relationships.

Yes, I'll marry you – Pam Ayres

Yes, I'll marry you, my dear,
And here's the reason why;
So I can push you out of bed
When the baby starts to cry,
And if we hear a knocking
And it's creepy and it's late,
I hand you the torch you see,
And you investigate.



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Yes I'll marry you, my dear,
 You may not apprehend it,
 But when the tumble-drier goes
 It's you that has to mend it,
 You have to face the neighbour
 Should our labrador attack him,
 And if a drunkard fondles me
 It's you that has to whack him.

Yes, I'll marry you,
 You're virile and you're lean,
 My house is like a pigsty
 You can help to keep it clean.
 That sexy little dinner
 Which you served by candlelight,
 As I do chipolatas,
 You can cook it every night!

It's you who has to work the drill
 and put up curtain track,
 And when I've got PMT it's you who gets the flak,
 I do see great advantages,
 But none of them for you,
 And so before you see the light,
 I do, I do, I do!

TOP 10 ALTERNATIVE READINGS FOR WEDDING CEREMONIES

For those of you with a bit of cuddly side, this adorable poem is great for the couple who doesn't take themselves too seriously.

A lovely love story – Edward Monkton

The fierce Dinosaur was trapped inside his cage of ice. Although it was cold he was happy in there. It was, after all, his cage.

Then along came the Lovely Other Dinosaur.

The Lovely Other Dinosaur melted the Dinosaur's cage with kind words and loving thoughts.

I like this Dinosaur thought the Lovely Other Dinosaur.
 Although he is fierce he is also tender and he is funny.
 He is also quite clever though I will not tell him this for now.

I like this Lovely Other Dinosaur, thought the Dinosaur. She is beautiful and she is different and she smells so nice.
 She is also a free spirit which is a quality I much admire in a dinosaur.

But he can be so distant and so peculiar at times, thought the Lovely Other Dinosaur.
 He is also overly fond of things.
 Are all Dinosaurs so overly fond of things?

But her mind skips from here to there so quickly thought the Dinosaur. She is also uncommonly keen on shopping.
 Are all Lovely Other Dinosaurs so uncommonly keen on shopping?

I will forgive his peculiarity and his concern for things, thought the Lovely Other Dinosaur.
 For they are part of what makes him a richly charactered individual.

I will forgive her skipping mind and her fondness for shopping, thought the Dinosaur. For she fills our life with beautiful thoughts and wonderful surprises. Besides, I am not unkeen on shopping either.

Now the Dinosaur and the Lovely Other Dinosaur are old.
 Look at them.
 Together they stand on the hill telling each other stories and feeling the warmth of the sun on their backs.

And that, my friends, is how it is with love.
 Let us all be Dinosaurs and Lovely Other Dinosaurs together.
 For the sun is warm.
 And the world is a beautiful place.



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TOP 10 TRADITIONAL READINGS FOR WEDDINGS

Simple, concise and beautiful. This short quote by Einstein sums up love beautifully.

Gravitation – Albert Einstein

Gravitation cannot be held responsible for people falling in love. How on earth can you explain in terms of chemistry and physics so important a biological phenomenon as first love? Put your hand on a stove for a minute and it seems like an hour. Sit with that special girl for an hour and it seems like a minute. That's relativity.

Have you wedding guests rolling in the aisles and then tearing up at the end with this poem. Lovely.

He never leaves the seat up – Anon

He never leaves the seat up
Or wet towels upon the floor
The toothpaste has the lid on
And he always shuts the door!

She's very clean and tidy
Though she may sometimes delude
Leave your things out at your peril
In a second they'll have moved!

He's a very active person
As are all his next of kin
Where as she likes lazy days
He'll still drag her to the gym!

He romances her and dines her
Home cooked dinners and the like
He even knows her favourite food
And spoils her day and night!

She's thoughtful when he looks at her
A smile upon his face
Will he look that good in 50 years
When his dentures aren't in place?!

He says he loves her figure
And her mental prowess too
But when gravity takes her over
Will she charm with her IQ?

She says she loves his kindness
And his patience is a must
And of course she thinks he's handsome
Which in her eyes is a plus!

They're both not wholly perfect
But who are we to judge
He can be pig headed
Where as she won't even budge!

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Who is walking you down the aisle?

- ☐ My dad – I'm a traditionalist
- ☐ My mum – she's awesome
- ☐ Another family member
- ☐ I'm walking down by myself
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All that said and done
 They love the time they spent together
 And I hope as I'm sure you do
 That this fine day will last forever.

He'll be more than just her husband
 He'll also be her friend
 And she'll be more than just his wife
 She's be his soul mate -till the end.



Image: Kerry Ann Duffy

SHORT READINGS ABOUT LOVE

This little reading is a unique take on love! Ideal for those who aren't really fans of the mushy stuff.

To my valentine – Ogden Nash

More than a **catbird** hates a cat,
 Or a criminal hates a clue,
 Or the Axis hates the United States,
 That's how much I love you.
 I love you more than a duck can swim,
 And more than a grapefruit squirts,
 I love you more than a gin rummy is a bore,
 And more than a toothache hurts.
 As a shipwrecked sailor hates the sea,
 Or a juggler hates a shove,
 As a hostess detests unexpected guests,
 That's how much you I love.
 I love you more than a wasp can sting,
 And more than the subway jerks,
 I love you as much as a beggar needs a crutch,
 And more than a hangnail irks.
 I swear to you by the stars above,
 And below, if such there be,
 As the High Court loathes perjurious oaths,
 That's how you're love by me.

We wouldn't normally recommend comparing your other half to a HGV, but in this instance we're all for it.

I Rely on You – Hovis Presley

I rely on you
 like a camera needs a shutter
 like a gambler needs a flutter
 like a golfer needs a putter
 like a buttered scone involves some butter

I rely on you
 like an acrobat needs ice cool nerve
 like a hairpin needs a drastic curve

like an HGV needs endless derv
like an outside left needs a body swerve

I rely on you
like a handyman needs pliers
like an auctioneer needs buyers
like a laundromat needs driers
like The Good Life needed Richard Briers
I rely on you.

WEDDING READINGS FROM BOOKS

*A more realistic viewpoint on the highs and lows of marriage with this wedding poem.
Surprisingly lovely all the same.*

Marriage by Anon

Marriage is about giving and taking
And forging and forsaking
Kissing and loving and pushing and shoving
Caring and Sharing and screaming and swearing

About being together whatever the weather
About being driven to the end of your tether
About Sweetness and kindness
And wisdom and blindness

It's about being strong when you're feeling quite weak
It's about saying nothing when you're dying to speak
It's about being wrong when you know you are right
It's about giving in, before there's a fight
It's about you two living as cheaply as one
(you can give us a call if you know how that's done!)

Never heeding advice that was always well meant
Never counting the cost until it's all spent
And for you two today it's about to begin
And for all that the two of you had to put in
Some days filled with joy, and some days with sadness
Too late you'll discover that marriage is madness.

Like the infamous Friends song this wedding poem will leave you feeling warm and comforted and with a big, old smile on your face too!

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.

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