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## Here comes the bride

*Chicken Soup for the Soul shares newlywed stories of love, laughter and family*

COS COB, Conn. – “What took you so long?” asked John Buentello’s future wife, Ann. An ironic statement considering she had said “no” to his marriage proposals for months. Ann and John had known each other for years, but she was afraid to get married again, and repeatedly, albeit lovingly, rejected his offers of marriage. John asked her at a friend’s wedding, on New Year’s Eve, and at fancy dinners, but the answer was always “no.” The couple eventually broke it off for a few months only for Ann to surprise John by saying, “All I needed was to know what it felt like to not have you in my life. It’s not a feeling I ever want to feel again. Ask me.” John, like the other contributors to *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Here Comes the Bride* (Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, May 15, 2012, 978-1935096849, \$14.95), might have taken an unconventional road to marriage, but the story still ends with “happily ever after.”

From proposal to honeymoon, the 101 stories in *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Here Comes the Bride* share the pratfalls and pitfalls, frustrations and joys that everyone encounters on their journey to the altar. Shared by brides, grooms, family and friends, these stories are hilarious and heartwarming.

Contributor Laura Bradford felt confident her wedding would be flawless—until emotions overwhelmed her during the ceremony and she took a tumble down the stairs at the reception. Embarrassed, she hid in the bathroom until she regained the confidence to join her guests. She looked at the incident as the beginning of a relationship that would include many other imperfections, and she reports that she and her husband have had 35 years of marriage and counting.

“Often, mishaps that seemed dire at the time become our most-quoted family lore,” says *Chicken Soup for the Soul: Here Comes the Bride* co-author Susan Heim.

Readers will go on an adventure with Caleb Jennings Breakey and his bride Brittany, who were mistaken for outlaws just days after saying, “I do.” The couple never thought twice about their routine trip to the bank before their honeymoon. Then before they knew it, they were pulled over on the side of the road by police officers with their guns drawn. A witness from the bank was even called to take a look at Caleb before the newlyweds were cleared. After it all, Caleb kept his sense of humor and asked, “Can I take pictures for our honeymoon?”

Obsessed with wedding planning details, contributor Kate Sugg admitted that she almost lost sight of what really mattered. But then she got a wake-up call two weeks before her wedding—her father suffered a heart attack and needed surgery. Thankfully he was okay, but it put things in perspective for Kate. “It was the first time that I realized how silly I had been to get so caught up in the small stuff,” she says. “I realized that not a single wedding detail would have mattered without my dad being there that day.”

*Chicken Soup for the Soul: Here Comes the Bride* (Jack Canfield, Mark Victor Hansen, and Susan Heim) releases on May 15, 2012. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing, LLC, publishes all the latest titles in the famous Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, which are distributed through Simon & Schuster, Inc. Since 1993, books in the Chicken Soup for the Soul series have sold over 112 million copies in the U.S. and Canada alone, with titles translated into over 40 languages. Chicken Soup for the Soul Publishing also licenses the right to use its famous trademark to high quality licensees. The company is currently implementing a plan to expand into all media, is working with TV networks on several TV shows and is developing a major Internet presence dedicated to life improvement, emotional support, inspiration and wellness. In 2007, *USA Today* named *Chicken Soup for the Soul* one of the five most memorable and impactful books in the last quarter century. For more information visit: [www.chickensoup.com](http://www.chickensoup.com).

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