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Many young girls fantasize about their wedding—the beautiful dress, gorgeous flowers, feeling like a princess for a day. When you’ve met the man of your dreams and the time comes to plan—like you’re undoubtedly doing now—it’s a joyous time of daydreaming about your perfect wedding and finding the people to help make your dreams come true.

Creating this lovely magazine was a sweet fantasy for me. It’s like living a little girl’s dream all over again. The bridal fashion (page 77) in this issue is stunning with styles that are sweet, yet modern. The flowers (page 58) are trendy and show the wide variety of choices a bride has to create the perfect arrangement of details to suit her wedding style. The cakes (page 74) and food stories (page 69) give me pause. Incorporating a food theme perfectly suited to you and your fiancé is a beautiful way to share a little slice of your life with friends and family.

My favorite part of this magazine, by far, is Real Weddings (page 91). Each couple shared with me an intimate look into their special day, and as we talked I sometimes had to stifle tears that came from the sheer joy they expressed. While each story is different, and bridal styles range from urban-chic to elegantly rural, one theme runs true throughout—a deeply personal reflection of each couple in their wedding details.

As you turn these pages and take away ideas and resources from this magazine, one thing I hope you discover is the path to a wedding that mirrors what is important in your relationship and life and that brings to life the little girl’s fantasy you once had. And maybe we’ll see you in the pages of Real Weddings in the near future.

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