

# The Wedding Run Book Club Kit

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## Welcome, Book Lovers!

Hi there!

First of all—thank you so much for choosing The Wedding Run for your book club, reading group, or cozy night on the couch with a cup of tea (or wine—I don’t judge). I had the best time writing this story about a runaway bride, sisterly chaos, and finding love when you least expect it.

This book club kit is packed with fun extras to keep the conversation (and the laughter) going. Inside you’ll find recipes, a playlist for your next reading session, wedding trivia to test your friends, and even a few behind-the-scenes secrets.

Love, Life, Laughter (not always in that order),  
Leanna Ellis

## What’s Inside the Kit

- ✓ “The Wedding Run” Playlist
- ✓ Ideas for food and drinks for your book club
- ✓ Wedding Fun & Trivia Games
- ✓ Discussion Questions for Your Group
- ✓ Author Q&A and Fun Facts

## The Wedding Run Playlist

Set the mood with songs perfect for Libby’s love story:

- Chapel of Love – The Dixie Cups
- Ready to Run – The Chicks
- You Can’t Hurry Love – The Supremes
- Don’t Stop – Fleetwood Mac
- Keep Me In Mind – Zac Brown Band
- Stronger (What Doesn’t Kill You) – Kelly Clarkson
- This Kiss – Faith Hill
- Truly Madly Deeply – Savage Garden
- Everything – Michael Bublé
- All of Me – John Legend
- Marry You – Bruno Mars
- She’s Everything – Brad Paisley

- I Cross My Heart – George Strait
- Crazy Love – Michael Bublé
- Make You Feel My Love – Adele

Listen on Spotify: Leanna Ellis – “The Wedding Run” Playlist

## Recipes from Storybrook

Bring a taste of The Wedding Run to your book club with these Storybrook-inspired treats and drinks.

### Elle’s Almond Wedding Cake (Mini Version)

Makes 12 cupcakes or 1 8x8-inch cake (serves 6–8)

Ingredients:

- 1 box white cake mix
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- Buttercream frosting (store-bought or homemade)
- Optional: sliced almonds for garnish

Directions:

Prepare cake mix as directed on the box, adding almond and vanilla extract to the batter. Bake according to box instructions. Cool, frost with buttercream, and top with sliced almonds.

### Charlie’s Cozy Cabin Chili

Serves 4–6

Ingredients:

- 1 lb ground beef or turkey
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 cans diced tomatoes
- 1 can kidney beans, drained
- 1 can black beans, drained
- 1 packet chili seasoning
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Brown meat and onion in a large pot. Add remaining ingredients and simmer 30 minutes. Serve with cornbread or tortilla chips.

### Libby’s Parisian Hot Chocolate

Serves 2

Ingredients:

- 2 cups whole milk

- 4 oz bittersweet chocolate, chopped
- 2 tbsp sugar (optional)
- Whipped cream for topping

Directions:

Heat milk in a saucepan until steaming. Add chocolate and stir until melted and smooth. Sweeten to taste. Pour into mugs and top with whipped cream.

### The Brew's Caramel Vanilla Latte

Serves 2

Ingredients:

- 2 cups milk (dairy or non-dairy)
- 2 shots espresso or 1/2 cup strong brewed coffee
- 2 tbsp caramel sauce (plus more for drizzling)
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Whipped cream for topping (optional)

Directions:

Heat milk until steaming, then froth using a frother or whisk vigorously. Pour caramel and vanilla into espresso or coffee and stir. Top with frothed milk and whipped cream, then drizzle with caramel sauce.

### Runaway Bride Mocktail

Serves 4 (easy to double)

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup sparkling water
- Splash of cranberry juice
- Fresh mint leaves for garnish

Directions:

Mix juices and sparkling water over ice. Garnish with mint.

## Wedding Fun & Trivia Games

### Wedding Charades

Divide your group into teams and grab a basket filled with pieces of paper. On each paper, write a wedding-related word, vow, song, or phrase. A player from one team draws a slip and acts it out while a timer is set for two minutes. If their team guesses correctly, they earn a point. The team with the most points wins!

### Cold Feet!

This one's best played outside. Fill a large bucket with icy water and toss in plastic rings and bridal-themed trinkets. Players take turns plunging their feet into the chilly water to fish out as many items as they can—using only their toes!

### Guess the Candy Count

Fill a jar with candy (count each piece as you add it). Ask each guest to guess how many pieces are inside, writing their answers on paper. The person who comes closest to the correct number takes home a prize!

### Guess the Chick Flick

Read out quotes from favorite chick flicks and see who can name the movie first.







### Wedding Trivia Bonus

1. What does “something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue” symbolize?
  - a) Colors for bridesmaids
  - b) Good luck and prosperity
  - c) Bouquet types
  - d) Nothing—it’s just a rhyme
2. In which country did the tradition of tossing the bouquet originate?
  - a) England
  - b) France
  - c) Italy
  - d) Greece
3. True or False: Queen Victoria started the white wedding dress trend.
4. What flower is traditionally associated with weddings because it symbolizes purity?
  - a) Rose
  - b) Lily
  - c) Daisy
  - d) Orchid

### Answer Key:

1. b) Good luck and prosperity
2. b) France
3. True
4. b) Lily

### Fun Facts About Weddings

-  The phrase “tying the knot” comes from an ancient Celtic tradition of handfasting.
-  Queen Victoria’s wedding cake weighed over 300 pounds!
-  In Victorian times, brides often carried a “wedding letter” tucked in their bouquets.
-  Roses are the most popular wedding flower worldwide.
-  Before white dresses, blue symbolized purity.
-  The longest recorded wedding veil was over 23,000 feet long.

## Questions for Discussion

1. Have you ever attended a wedding where the bride or groom changed their minds—or where something went hilariously wrong (like the preacher not showing up)?
2. What's a funny or memorable thing that happened to you on the way to a wedding?
3. Have you ever questioned a big decision in your life? Did you stay on your original path or alter your course?
4. Do you write letters? Have you ever received a letter that made you see something differently or deeply affected you?
5. A loss, like what Mike, Libby, Charlie, and Elle experienced, can create a hole in one's heart. Each of them is stuck in a different way. Have you experienced a deep loss, and how did you move forward?
6. Which character in *The Wedding Run* do you relate to the most, and why?
7. What's your favorite part of a wedding? The dress? The cake? The flowers? The music? Or maybe the swoony kiss?
8. If you could get married anywhere—and money were no object—where would you choose? A sunset beach? Notre Dame in Paris? A hot air balloon?
9. What would be a funny song to play while the bride walks down the aisle?
10. If *The Wedding Run* were a movie, who would you cast as Libby and Luke?

## About Leanna Ellis

Award-winning author Leanna Ellis writes sweet, heartwarming romances and closed-door romantic comedies filled with humor, hope, and happily ever afters. With over a million books sold, she's known for crafting stories that make readers laugh, swoon, and sometimes reach for a tissue.

Leanna lives in Texas, where she enjoys front porch chats, strong coffee, and dreaming up her next small-town romance.

*The Wedding Run* is the first book in her delightful new series, *The Wedding Letter*, where three sisters discover that love can't always be planned—but it's always worth the risk.