

I Choose You

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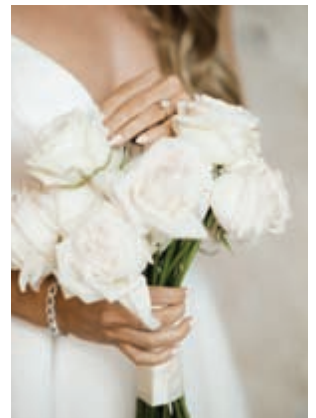


THE PROPOSAL On our second date, Bobby and I were leaving a movie theater when it started pouring rain. I looked at him, expecting to take shelter in a cab or restaurant, but he took off running toward Washington Square Park. He kissed me under the arch in the rain — hair soaked, clothes soaked — in a moment that felt like it was out of an old Hollywood movie. Now, every time we pass that spot, we kiss — and last year, on a warm August day as the sun was setting, he got down on one knee and asked me to keep the tradition going forever. When we walked back to his apartment to call our parents and tell them the big news, he had gathered all our friends and family on his back patio to celebrate. It was a night we will truly never forget!

THE PREPARATION The single most important aspect of our wedding was having our family and friends surrounding us, which is why we picked Dallas as a central location. While planning the wedding from New York City definitely had its challenges, I had a clear vision thanks to my work as a beauty director, which includes attending a lot of events. I knew that I wanted it to look clean, industrial, and minimalist, but more than that, I knew how I wanted it to feel: romantic, fun, and warm. Knowing I would only get to visit Dallas once or twice before the big day, I found vendors who fit my style on Instagram and made sure we shared a collaborative energy. Both our videographers and photographers were husband-wife teams, and you could feel the love surrounding us in the room. Guests told us how warm, inviting, and comfortable the night felt, which was exactly what we hoped for.

THE BIG DAY Beauty is such a big part of my life, so it was only fitting that the morning of the wedding, I would throw a giant getting-ready party with my bridesmaids: face masks, champagne, hair, makeup, the works! It started the day on such a joyous note, and made me even more excited for what was to come. An hour before the ceremony, Bobby and I shared a really special first look, which calmed my nerves and centered the entire event around what was most important: committing to each other. Because of our shared love for cinema, we asked our DJ to play our favorite film scores while friends and family arrived, sipped champagne, and signed our movie poster guest book. We exchanged handwritten vows and completed a traditional Irish handfasting ceremony before heading into the reception, where we barely left the dance floor and indulged in way too many sweets from the sprawling candy table. After our last dance, guests showered us with white rose petals as we drove away in a black Cadillac Eldorado — only to turn right around and drive back so we could dance with our friends until 3 a.m. at the after-party.

THE HONEYMOON After the wedding, we embarked on a one-month adventure through Hawaii, Japan, Vietnam, and Thailand. Our friends quickly dubbed our trip a “foodmoon” because we indulged in just about everything. We only packed one carry-on suitcase each and embraced every adventure and experience as it came to us — from cruising through Ha Long Bay to bathing elephants in Chiang Mai to volunteering at an animal shelter in Koh Lanta to snorkeling at night with phosphorescent plankton in Krabi. It was the adventure of a lifetime, and we came back rested, invigorated, and more in love than ever.





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