

22 Unique Wedding Readings for Your Big Day

Over the years we have listen to many beautiful readings at wedding, some written for the day, others are famous quote, poems, or letters. Here is a list of a few that are a little more unique we have collected, that you may like to consider for your big day.

1) Extract from Captain Correlli's Mandolin by Louis de Bernières

'Love is a temporary madness. It erupts like an earthquake and then subsides.

And when it subsides you have to make a decision. You have to work out whether your roots have become so entwined together that it is inconceivable that you should ever part.

Because this is what love is. Love is not breathlessness, it is not excitement, it is not the promulgation of promises of eternal passion. That is just being in love, which any of us can convince ourselves we are.

Love itself is what is left over when being in love has burned away, and this is both an art and a fortunate accident. Those that truly love, have roots that grow towards each other underground, and when all the pretty blossom has fallen from their branches, they find that they are one tree and not two.'

2) Bob Marley on love...

She's not perfect – you aren't either, and the two of you may never be perfect together – but if she can make you laugh, cause you to think twice, and admit to being human and making mistakes, hold onto her and give her the most you can.

She may not be thinking about you every second of the day, but she will give you a part of her that she knows you can break – her heart.

So don't hurt her, don't change her, don't analyse and don't expect more than she can give. Smile when she makes you happy, let her know when she makes you mad, and miss her when she's not there.

3) I carry your heart by E.E. Cummings

'I carry your heart with me, I carry it in my heart.

I am never without it, (anywhere I go you go, my dear; and whatever is done by only me is your doing, my darling.

I fear no fate, for you are my fate, my sweet.

I want no world, for beautiful you are my world, my true, and it's you are whatever a moon has always meant and whatever a sun will always sing is you

Here is the deepest secret nobody knows, here is the root of the root and the bud of the bud and the sky of the sky of a tree called life, which grows higher than soul can hope, or mind can hide, and this is the wonder that's keeping the stars apart

I carry your heart; I carry it in my heart!

4) Extract from The Good Morrow by John Donne

I wonder by my troth, what thou and I Did, till we loved?

Were we not weaned till then?

But sucked on country pleasures, childishly?

Or snorted we in the Seven Sleepers' den?

'Twas so; but this, all pleasures fancies be.

If ever any beauty I did see,

Which I desired, and got, 'twas but a dream of thee.

5) Letter from Johnny Cash to June Carter (1994)

'We get old and get used to each other. We think alike. We read each other's minds. We know what the other wants without asking. Sometimes we irritate each other a little bit.

Maybe sometimes take each other for granted. But once in a while, like today, I meditate on it and realise how lucky I am to share my life with the greatest woman I ever met.'

6) The Apache wedding prayer

Now you will feel no rain, for each of you will be shelter to the other.
Now you will feel no cold, for each of you will be warmth to the other.
Now there is no more loneliness, for each of you will be companion to the other.

Now you are two bodies, but there is one life before you.
Go now to your dwelling place, to enter the days of your togetherness.
And may your days be good and long upon the earth.

7) Sonnet 116 by William Shakespeare

Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove:
O no: it is an ever-fixed mark,
That looks on tempests and is never shaken.
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks
Within his bending sickle's compass come.
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.
If this be error and upon me proved,
I never writ, nor no man ever loved.

8) Your Personal Penguin by Sandra Boynton

I like you a lot.
You're funny and kind.
So let me explain
What I have in mind.
I want to be your personal penguin.
I want to walk right by your side.
I want to be your personal penguin.
I want to travel with you far and wide.

9) I wanna be yours by John Cooper-Clarke

I wanna be your vacuum cleaner
breathing in your dust
I wanna be your Ford Cortina
I will never rust
If you like your coffee hot
let me be your coffee pot
You call the shots
I wanna be yours

I wanna be your raincoat for those frequent rainy days
I wanna be your dreamboat when you want to sail away
Let me be your teddy bear take me with you anywhere
I don't care
I wanna be yours

I wanna be your electric meter
I will not run out
I wanna be the electric heater you'll get cold without
I wanna be your setting lotion hold your hair in deep devotion
Deep as the deep Atlantic Ocean that's how deep is my devotion.

10) Extract from A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway

At night, there was the feeling that we had come home, feeling no longer alone, waking in the night to find the other one there, and not gone away; all other things were unreal.

We slept when we were tired and if we woke the other one woke too so one was not alone. Often a man wishes to be alone and a woman wishes to be alone too and if they love each other they are jealous of that in each other, but I can truly say we never felt that.

We could feel alone when we were together, alone against the others. We were never lonely and never afraid when we were together.

11) Extract from Blue-eyed Devil by Lisa Kleypas

I no longer believed in the idea of soul mates, or love at first sight.

But I was beginning to believe that a very few times in your life, if you were lucky, you might meet someone who was exactly right for you.

Not because he was perfect, or because you were, but because your combined flaws were arranged in a way that allowed two separate beings to hinge together.'

12) Wild Awake by Hilary T. Smith

People are like cities:

We all have alleys and gardens and secret rooftops and places where daisies sprout between the sidewalk cracks, but most of the time all we let each other see is a postcard glimpse of a skyline or a polished square.

Love lets you find those hidden places in another person, even the ones they didn't know were there, even the ones they wouldn't have thought to call beautiful themselves.'

13) Extract from Every Day by David Levithan

'This is what love does: It makes you want to rewrite the world. It makes you want to choose the characters, build the scenery, guide the plot. The person you love sits across from you, and you want to do everything in your power to make it possible, endlessly possible. And when it's just the two of you, alone in a room, you can pretend that this is how it is, this is how it will be.'

14) Albert Einstein on relativity

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.'

15) Delirium by Lauren Oliver

Love: a single word, a wispy thing, a word no bigger or longer than an edge.

That's what it is: an edge; a razor. It draws up through the centre of your life, cutting everything in two.

Before and after. The rest of the world falls away on either side.

16) Extract from Les Misérables by Victor Hugo

You can give without loving, but you can never love without giving.

The great acts of love are done by those who are habitually performing small acts of kindness.

We pardon to the extent that we love.

Love is knowing that even when you are alone, you will never be lonely again.

And great happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved.

Loved for ourselves, and even loved in spite of ourselves.'

17) Soul Mates by Lang Leav

I don't know how you are so familiar to me — or why it feels less like I am getting to know you and more as though I am remembering who you are.

How every smile, every whisper brings me closer to the impossible conclusion that I have known you before, I have loved you before — in another time, a different place, some other existence.

18) Extract from Gift from The Sea by Anne Morrow Lindbergh

When you love someone; you do not love them all the time, in exactly the same way, from moment to moment.

It is impossibility. It is even a lie to pretend to.

And yet this is exactly what most of us demand.

We have so little faith in the ebb and flow of life, of love, of relationships.

We leap at the flow of the tide and resist in terror its ebb.

We are afraid it will never return.

We insist on permanency, on duration, on continuity; when the only continuity possible, in life as in love, is in growth, in fluidity — in freedom, in the sense that the dancers are free, barely touching as they pass, but partners in the same pattern.

The only real security is not in owning or possessing, not in demanding or expecting, not in hoping, even.

Security in a relationship lies neither in looking back to what was in nostalgia, nor forward to what it might be in dread or anticipation but living in the present relationship and accepting it as it is now.

Relationships must be like islands, one must accept them for what they are here and now, within their limits — islands, surrounded and interrupted by the sea, and continually visited and abandoned by the tides.

19) Extract from De Imitatio Christi by Thomas à Kempis

Love often knows no limits but overflows all bounds.

Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of troubles, attempts more than it is able, and does not plead impossibility, because it believes that it may and can do all things. For this reason, it is able to do all, performing and effecting much where he who does not love fails and falls.

Love is watchful. Sleeping, it does not slumber. Wearied, it is not tired. Pressed, it is not straitened. Alarmed, it is not confused, but like a living flame, a burning torch, it forces its way upward and passes unharmed through every obstacle.

20) Everything is Illuminated by Jonathan Safran Foer

I love you in a way that I love no one else, I love you also means I love you more than anyone loves you, or has loved you, or will love you, and also, I love you in a way that no one loves you, or has loved you, or will love you, and also, I love you in a way that I love no one else, and never have loved anyone else, and never will love anyone else.

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22) Love Should by Moby

Morning sun is sweet and soft on your eyes
Oh my love, you always leave me surprised
I feel my heart starts to burst
With all my love for you

I know how it rains
I know how it pours
I never could feel this way
For anyone but you