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WORDS OF PRAISE FOR... FROM THE HEART!

"If you aspire to have the perfect wedding, I highly recommend Alan Viau's masterpiece. This is the most complete and concise guide available today."

Peggy McColl, New York Times Best-Selling Author

"*From The Heart* is a wonderful handbook for couples looking for professional guidance as they prepare for their wedding! Alan is a beloved expert within the wedding community and his warm, personal approach shines through in his writings! Industry professionals understand how important it is to consider hundreds of details in order to create a polished wedding ceremony, without incident. Alan's book provides comprehensive coverage of the various considerations that should be made throughout the planning process. A highly recommended read that I will be passing on to my own clients!"

Lynn Lee, Owner/ Planner, Weddings Unveiled

"Anyone who has ever planned a wedding knows there are so many things that can just destroy the most important day in the bride and groom's lives. But the insights, wisdom and experience shared in Alan Viau's "From the Heart" will virtually guarantee a perfect experience. Alan shares amazing tips and tidbits that no one ever thinks of, which will make your wedding day the most magical day ever! Bravo, Alan...Bravo!"

Steve Lowell, Author and International Speaker

"I've worked closely with Alan on numerous weddings. He is a word wizard; you will laugh, cry and sigh at his wedding ceremony experiences. This is the perfect gift for the newly engaged couple looking for insight on how to make their ceremony unique and personable. His words will help you create the words you will remember the rest of your lives."

**Barbara Ann Cameron, Owner/ Principal
Photographer Barbara Ann Studios**

DEDICATION

This book is dedicated to my lifelong sweetheart, Maureen, who shows me the meaning of true love.

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PREFACE

My 'Office' is a four top table tucked at the back of a local coffee shop. I've been meeting brides and grooms there since 2004. The staff knows me well; sitting and chatting with couples about their upcoming wedding. Every Saturday morning they expect me there. Most of the time I can answer the shop's daily trivia question and get a free cup of coffee – always served in a ceramic mug. Sometimes I am there for five hours meeting couple after couple, crafting their special ceremony.

Brides and grooms come to me because they don't want the traditional religious institutionalized wedding. They want a personalized event that reflects their hopes and dreams ... and the love between them. They want a wedding from the heart.

The challenge is that there are few resources available on how to put together a full wedding ceremony on-location. Whether it is in their

backyard or at a hotel, it is up to the couple to figure out their event. This is where I help them.

"We've never done this before. It is our first time."

They sheepishly start our conversation with this statement. It confirms to me that the couple wants a personalized wedding from the heart. I am there to guide them through all the aspects of the ceremony so that they can decide what they want incorporated.

"I never thought of that before." I offer suggestions that start with the familiar traditional and add alternatives. I present options to them based on what I glean from their personalities and relationship. I see the ideas blossoming in their heads, their eyes light up thinking about their ceremony.

"That was easy! I am so excited!" At the conclusion of our chat, this is the comment I hear the most. I am thrilled for them that they will experience a wedding ceremony that fits them. A ceremony that will be a cherished memory; an expression what is in their hearts.

I could have called this book "99 Ways to Make Your On-Location Wedding Ceremony Work". I've condensed my experience in performing

over 600 weddings into practical advice. I enjoy my adventures with brides and grooms on their wedding day. Weddings are a joyous occasion. They are testaments to the love people share. Weddings are a public affirmation of our common search for love and meaning.

My wish is that your lives together be a never ending journey of discovery, love and adventure. May the love in your hearts grow ever stronger and enrich your lives forever. May you find love, hope and happiness, together.

Wishing you many blessings. Celebrate life today!
