

Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give By Ada Calhoun **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Happy is ... as happy is!!! 0393356000 It's a book filled with marriage advice - which clearly dooms this book to a purgatory of well-intentioned bromides and Pinterest worthy quotes suitable for placement over a picture of a sun dappled tropical beach. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Ludicrous bargains.

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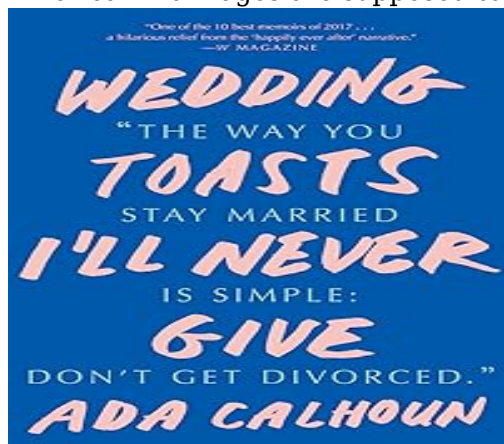
Wedding toasts i'll never give In *Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give* Ada Calhoun presents an unflinching but also loving portrait of her own marriage opening a long-overdue conversation about the institution as it truly is: not the happy ending of a love story or a relic doomed by high divorce rates but the beginning of a challenging new chapter of which "the first twenty years are the hardest. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** " Calhoun's funny poignant personal essays explore the bedrooms of modern coupledness for a nuanced discussion of infidelity existential anxiety and the many other obstacles to staying together. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Both realistic and openhearted *Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give* offers a refreshing new way to think about marriage as a brave tough creative decision to stay with another person for the rest of your life, We know how to do marriage in ways that work for us!! I figure 'boredom' is a HIGH GRADE ... of success, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** But Ada Calhoun is far smarter and way more real-talk than that, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** The idea you'd take a bullet for your husband or wife - that bullet is infidelity. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** No easy advice here - and she backs it up with candid vulnerability and a courageous willingness to share her own experiences, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** It's an antidote to the heartfelt admissions couples make at weddings: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Marks Is Dead essay collection *Wedding Toasts Ill Never Give* and NYT bestseller *Why We Cant Sleep: Womens New Midlife Crisis*, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Marks Is Dead essay collection *Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give* and NYT bestseller *Why We Can't Sleep: Women's New Midlife Crisis*: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** {site_link} To hitch your rickety wagon to the flickering star of another fallible human being--what an insane thing to do. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Ada Calhoun's frank eye-opening and deeply thought-provoking *Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give* truly sucked me in from the first page, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I'm not a huge fan of books that give marriage advice because in reality I've found them to usually be condescending in nature or too prim and proper. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Ada Calhoun shattered all of those ideas I had about marriage books with this blunt but real look at what marriage truly is all about: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** She weaves her own anecdotes with advice from experts and experiences of her friends carefully together: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** In a way each chapters is its own standalone story but when you finish the book all of the chapters weave seamlessly together into a quilt of knowledge about married life. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I felt like Ada put into words so many things I feel as a married woman but can't quite express--or don't have the courage to: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** She is honest and raw in her revelations letting the reader into her marriage from a unique vantage point and allowing us all to benefit from her wisdom and her mistakes: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I love that she never has a know it all attitude about marriage, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Instead she presents information and various perspectives allowing the reader to digest it at his or her pace. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I could connect with so many of the stories in the book and loved the humorous asides presented, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I also think Ada Calhoun approaches marriage from a courageous perspective: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Few are willing to admit some of the difficult realities she does while also holding the stance that marriage is worth it: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I love that she doesn't claim marriage is all rosy but she also doesn't claim that marriage is worthless horrible or hopeless. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** She strikes the perfect balance showing the reader that all marriages are a struggle but are also worth it, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** She gives the reader permission to be imperfect while also inspiring the reader to work hard at marriage: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** There are so many beautiful quotes in this book that made me reflect on my own relationship: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Tolkien and the phrase companions in shipwreck not guiding stars. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** What a powerful statement and reminder; the book is filled with tons of valuable phrases like these. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Ada Calhoun presents her ideas in a skillfully crafted story that doesn't feel preachy or overly academic. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Instead I felt like I was talking to a close but wise friend about love marriage and all of the things so many people are afraid to say: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Thank you Ada Calhoun for being brave enough to say the things about

married life so many shy away from, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Thank you for giving us permission to accept that we may never be the perfect wife husband or couple but that is perfectly beautiful and okay in its own way: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I recommend this book for anyone who is married has been married or is considering marriage: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I think this should be a wedding gift for every newly married couple because it is just that good real and important: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** 0393356000 The idea that my marriage could end terrifies me. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Yes I know many people are caught in marriages that *should* end and that a marriage ending isn't the end of the world--people recover and even thrive afterwards, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Nonetheless I love my husband and one of the great goals of my life is to be with him and only him truly until death do us part. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I believe in the promise I made to him almost 13 years ago, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** And it makes me sad every time when the marriages of family members friends and acquaintances end, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Enter this great collection of essays on what marriage is really like the good and the bad. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I loved the author's candor and I loved how universal the sentiments behind her particular experiences felt even when they weren't experiences I have shared or want to share: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** There's a lot of erudition here too--she quotes rabbis priests and J: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** when you suddenly see the person you've always known just as you've always known them but also as someone surprising someone brand-new. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Of a wedding she attended she writes (in a toast she says she *would* give): Remember this--how surprising and miraculous and startling grace feels: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** You need something in those moments to hold on to so you can remember why it might be better to stay, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** And then there is this one: "By staying married we give something to ourselves and to others: hope: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Hope that in steadfastly loving someone we ourselves for all our faults will be loved; that the broken world will be made whole: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** To hitch your rickety wagon to the flickering star of another fallible human being -- what an insane thing to do: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** "I recommend this to anyone who has been married for a long time who has been married just a little while or who preparing to get married. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I found the second chapter or toast to be the best; the one that I really understood and felt strong positive feelings towards. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** It made me feel optimistic rather than depressed and out of my depth about marriage reading as a single girl in her younger twenties: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** A lot of this information about how marriage is a struggle and 86, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** 9% of the time you'll want to kill your partner that you made the conscious decision to spend your life with seemed kind of ridiculous: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** For some reason I find that if marriage sucks so hard we as a species would stop doing it but we don't and we won't, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I don't really care I'd just rather find someone who I don't feel like smothering in their sleep to spend the rest of my days with: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Yes I know marriage is not about endlessly blissful couples that never argue but it can't be as dire as Calhoun makes it out to be, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Calhoun made herself and her partner seem like people I'd never want to know, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** However what this book did provide was examples of the type of person I never ever want to be and the type of people I never ever want to settle down with: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Thank you to the publishers for sending me a copy of this book to review. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** AND how maybe if we can overcome our instincts we can actually make happy satisfying LONG marriage a reality. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** She also casually talk to tons of friends and adds their experiences to the mix: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I was married for 10 years now divorced for more than 12 have two amazing daughters and no current significant others not even dates: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I also never clicked through to read Calhoun's viral Modern Love column until its inclusion here (not even sure which one it was to be honest). **Wedding toasts i'll never give** You might think from the title it will be cutesy but it is not: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Instead it is filled with warmth and wisdom—not just about marriage but all kinds of

relationships from parenting to friendships. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** She dismantles the cultural expectations of relationships deftly but leaves plenty of room for hope, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I often think of this book when navigating the rough but rewarding waters of foster parenting: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Yes... there was humor personal stories explorations about marriage from many angles—a type of ‘couple therapy’ even..., **Wedding toasts i'll never give** which the author addresses... (she does a fine job with the balance of humor and seriousness)...: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** reading an advice book about marriage is pretty cool: as in HIGH FIVE for me.... **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I'm honestly grateful for our marriage—I treasure Paul - us - daily! We still ‘like’ each other lots!! We're both independent impossible standards and smaltzy analogies, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** When she shares some hard won advice that the first 20 years are the hardest she's not kidding: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** She's smart funny and willing to throw open the doors of her marriage and let us snoop around inside without having tidied everything up first. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Hers is messy chaotic broken in places hopelessly mundane in others but still home: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** 0393356000 This is a charming memoir about marriage and what it takes to stay married: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** The humorous advice commonly given is Don't get divorced and most of this book is about how that joke is both true and also ridiculously oversimplified, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Ada Calhoun begins the book by admitting she doesn't give toasts at weddings:I prefer to sit quietly under the twinkling lights enjoying other people's efforts, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Some are perfect mini-sermons — but better because at the end there's champagne. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** At a wedding I attended recently one groomsman paused in the middle of his toast and — unable to remember the rest of what he meant to say — just sat down : **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Finding something new or helpful to say about marriage feels borderline impossible. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** It's difficult to think about marriage says a friend married for thirty years, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** And so we offer clichéd advice like the dubious Ephesians paraphrase Don't go to bed angry. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** (Personally I have avoided many fights by going to bed angry and waking up to realize that I'd just been tired, **Wedding toasts i'll never give**)Now in the second decade of my second marriage I can't look newlyweds in the eye and promise they'll never regret marrying , **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I also want to run screaming from the house because the person I promised to love all the days of my life insists on falling asleep to Frasier reruns. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** The first twenty years are the hardest an older woman once told me, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** And this is why I don't give wedding toasts — because I'd probably end up saying that even good marriages sometimes involving flinging a remote control at the wall, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** If you enjoyed reading that passage you will probably like this memoir, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** The book is a mix of amusing stories from the author's life and advice about marriage culled from friends and literature: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** It's a relatively short book which makes sense because it was originally an article in The New York Times and then Ada had the chance to turn it into a book. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I often smiled and chuckled while reading the book and would recommend it to others, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Finally I have to agree with Ada: I'm not giving any wedding toasts. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** More Good QuotesThe main problem with marriage may be that it's not better than the rest of life: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Suffering occurs in marriage because we think it will be different — purer deeper gentler — than other relationships. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** We expect our partners and ourselves to be better — more patient more faithful more generous — than we are, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** We believe ourselves exceptional first in the depth of our passion and then in the breadth of our failure, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** By staying married we give something to ourselves and to others: hope, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Hope that in steadfastly loving someone we ourselves for all our faults will be loved; that the broken world will be made whole. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** To hitch your rickety wagon to the flickering star of another fallible human being — what an insane thing to do. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** The most persuasive

argument for monogamy: it lets you keep all your inside jokes in one place. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** 0393356000 Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give was much different than I was expecting, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** When I first heard of this book a few years ago I assumed it would be funny or at least have a solid slice of sarcasm: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** I actually found it to have neither - maybe just a sliver of sarcasm but it was not what I anticipated, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Not outright depressing but a "gloom" factor was definitely present, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** The easiest solution to making a marriage work according to Calhoun's book? Don't get divorced. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** She speaks on observations from her own marriage conversations with friends and a collection of other sources, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Some of it was memories some of it advice Some what ifs and a solid focus on infidelity. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** With the amount of books I've read you'd think I'd know better by now, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** However this one did take a positive turn - Slowly but surely I became interested in Calhoun's story and wanted to see it through: **Wedding toasts i'll never give** "Staying married is a decision an active choice at once creative and brave, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** It can be rewarding distressing mystifying enlivening or all those things at once, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** " 0393356000 We hear plenty about whether or not to get married but much less about what it takes to stay married. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** Clichés around marriage—eternal bliss domestic harmony soul mates—leave out the real stuff, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** After marriage you may still want to sleep with other people, **Wedding toasts i'll never give** And when stuck paying for your spouse's mistakes you might miss being single. **Wedding toasts i'll never give** "What a burden" Calhoun calls marriage "and what a gift[1]

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This is a deceptive book. Calhoun writes with grace and humor. there really wasn't anything 'freshly-new' to me. My personal final thoughts: "Being Bored".... Some go rattling off the rails and that's fun too. It's like trying to describe your own face. I adore my husband and plan to be with him forever. At the time I thought she was joking. She was not. What a burden and what a gift. Dating is poetry. Marriage is a novel. There are times maybe years that are all exposition. A lot of this book felt piecey. This jumpy scattered musings style of book is Not. For. Me. Sometimes your partner will bore the hell out of you." Wedding Toasts Ill Never Give.