

WEDDING Ps and Qs from MMA RAMOTSWE (and Alexander McCall Smith)

MMA RAMOTSWE'S TOP 5 THINGS TO DO AT A WEDDING:

- 1. Compliment the bride's mother on her hat.
- 2. Show an interest in the stories told by relatives, even if you have heard them five times before.
- 3. Stay at the wedding until the bride and groom have left.
- 4. Leave enough wine in one's glass to be able to toast the bride and groom.
- 5. Laugh at all the jokes made in the speeches.

MMA RAMOTSWE'S TOP 5 THINGS NOT TO DO AT A WEDDING:

- 1. Wear the same dress as the bride's mother.
- 2. Wear a larger hat than the bride's mother.
- 3. Tell stories about the groom's bachelor days.
- 4. Try out new dance steps.
- 5. Make reference to any previous weddings of the bride or groom.

MMA RAMOTSWE'S TOP 5 SMALL PLEASURES IN LIFE:

- 1. Red bush tea drunk in the garden while admiring plants early in the morning.
- 2. Discussing the past with old friends after not having seen them for 10 years or more.
- 3. Serving one's husband and family the dish that you know is their very favourite
- 4. Buying a new pair of shoes, opening the box at home, and admiring the shoes before putting them on.
- 5. Waking in the morning and hearing one's husband making tea in the kitchen and knowing that the tea is for you.

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