

# Introduction

A wedding is always a good excuse for a dance deviser to come up with a new creation. So here's a collection of "wedding" dances made up for many of my friends from the German Scottish dance scene, complete with traditional or new music, and a few "wedding" waltzes thrown in for good measure.

The order of the dances in this book follows that of the respective weddings. The dances themselves range from the very simple (*The September Wedding*) to the more complicated (*The Vollmerz Square Eight*) but I hope there is something here for everyone! Many of the dances were actually performed at the wedding reception or celebration in question, and some of them are designed to be easy to pick up because we wanted the bridal couple to dance with us, if only during a repeat. The dances were devised as the need arose, over a period of several years, and so the selection in this book is maybe not as evenly distributed between dance types, lengths or figures used as may be desired, but I hope this collection or some of the dances it contains will still prove entertaining.

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This book is dedicated to married couples everywhere, on and off the dance floor.

— Anselm Lingnau  
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