



A CHANCE ENCOUNTER: Although Lindsey Smith, 29, and Toby Ascher, 30, both attended Boston University and had mutual friends, they didn't officially meet until they were living in Los Angeles. Lindsey had moved to the sunny city for law school and Toby moved there after college. "Our mutual friends had come down from Northern California to visit Toby," Lindsey says, who was introduced to him while visiting with those friends at a party at Toby's house in late June 2008.

But it wasn't until a chance encounter in Hermosa Beach in July where the pair officially decided they had a connection. "There was this guy across the street and he's yelling, excitedly and happily, and I'm like, 'Who is this weirdo yelling?'" she recalls. "I walk across the street, and it was Toby."

THE PERFECT PROPOSAL: Just two days after Valentine's Day in 2012, Toby asked Lindsey to come home from work early. Lindsey works as a bankruptcy attorney, so staying late isn't out of the ordinary. Toby owns a production company, so when he asked her to watch something he made for a presentation at work she thought nothing of it.

"He had made a video saying all the reasons why he's good for me," she recalls. "At the end of the movie, he's in a tuxedo and he gets down on one knee and opens a ring box." "There wasn't a ring in the box in the movie, which was Toby's cue to come in with the real deal – the engagement ring, which was a family heirloom passed down from Toby's grandmother in the early 1900s." "He runs off the screen on the movie, and he came in flying from the other room in the tuxedo that he's wearing on film," Lindsey adds.

A COMMUNITY FEELING: "We knew we wanted a wedding in a smaller town because we just really liked the feel of walking down the street (and running into) people who are there for your wedding," Lindsey explains. The couple chose to have their wedding in Aspen, with their ceremony and reception on top of the mountain, which provided a natural and serene backdrop that truly takes your breath away.

Lindsey notes that planning an out-of-state wedding seemed less stressful than if it had been closer to her home in Los Angeles. She visited Aspen – once with her mom to see the location and two times with Toby while planning – and scheduled a majority of the appointments for flowers, décor and everything else during those weekend visits. "I actually think it was probably easier and more relaxing than having it in your city where you also probably take on more of the responsibility that you leave to the wedding planner when it's a destination wedding," she says.

One of Lindsey's favorite moments from the wedding? Right after cocktail hour when she and her new husband snuck in a glass of wine and took two photos of each other on one of the many wedding-themed, disposable cameras the couple placed around the room for guests to use. "It was such a great experience," Lindsey says of the wedding. "It's just this indescribable feeling that it gives you – that there's so much love in your life, and you just want to give that love back to everyone else."

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Vendors

Rings: XIV Karats Ltd, Beverly Hills, CA

Dress and Veil: Vera Wang, Gemma dress; Erin Nicole Couture Bridal, Costa Mesa, CA

Hair and Makeup: Hair: Lather Salon, Aspen, CO; Makeup: All About Face, Royal Oak, MI

Flowers: The Aspen Branch, Aspen, CO

Dessert: The Little Nell, Aspen, CO

Invitations: Cards of Wood

Caterer: The Little Nell, Aspen, CO

Groom's Tuxedo: Ralph Lauren

Ceremony Site: The Wedding Deck on top of Aspen Mountain, Aspen, CO

Reception Site: The Sundek on top of Aspen Mountain, Aspen, CO

Entertainment: Soul X via Starkey Entertainment, Denver, CO

Photographer: Kate Holstein, Aspen, CO

Honeymoon: Cape Town, South Africa; and Mauritius

Wedding Planner: Debra Doyle for Aspen Eventworks, Aspen, CO