

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Thompson's

Southern Wedding

A wedding by Forever & Always

Mr. & Mrs...

Bella and Alex couldn't be two more different people. Bella a "Southern Bell," as her father calls her, is quiet, prim and proper. Alex is an outgoing sports fanatic who is always up for a good time. They have two dogs, Hairy, an English bulldog, and Hope, a black labrador retriever. As soon as they stepped foot in our office, we knew that Forever & Always was in for one of our most memorable weddings yet.

How They Met

Bella and Alex met four years ago through mutual friends while attending The University of Georgia. Alex was a senior and Bella a junior at the time. Alex knew immediately that she was the one, "I was the typical college guy, partying and having a good time with my fraternity brothers, but when I met Bella, she was just different. There was something about her that I couldn't let go of," Alex said.

The Engagement

Alex had it planned down to the second. Bella was under the impression that they were taking a normal stroll with their dogs through Centennial Olympic Park in downtown Atlanta, GA. What she didn't know was that one of her dreams was about to come true. Alex planned a

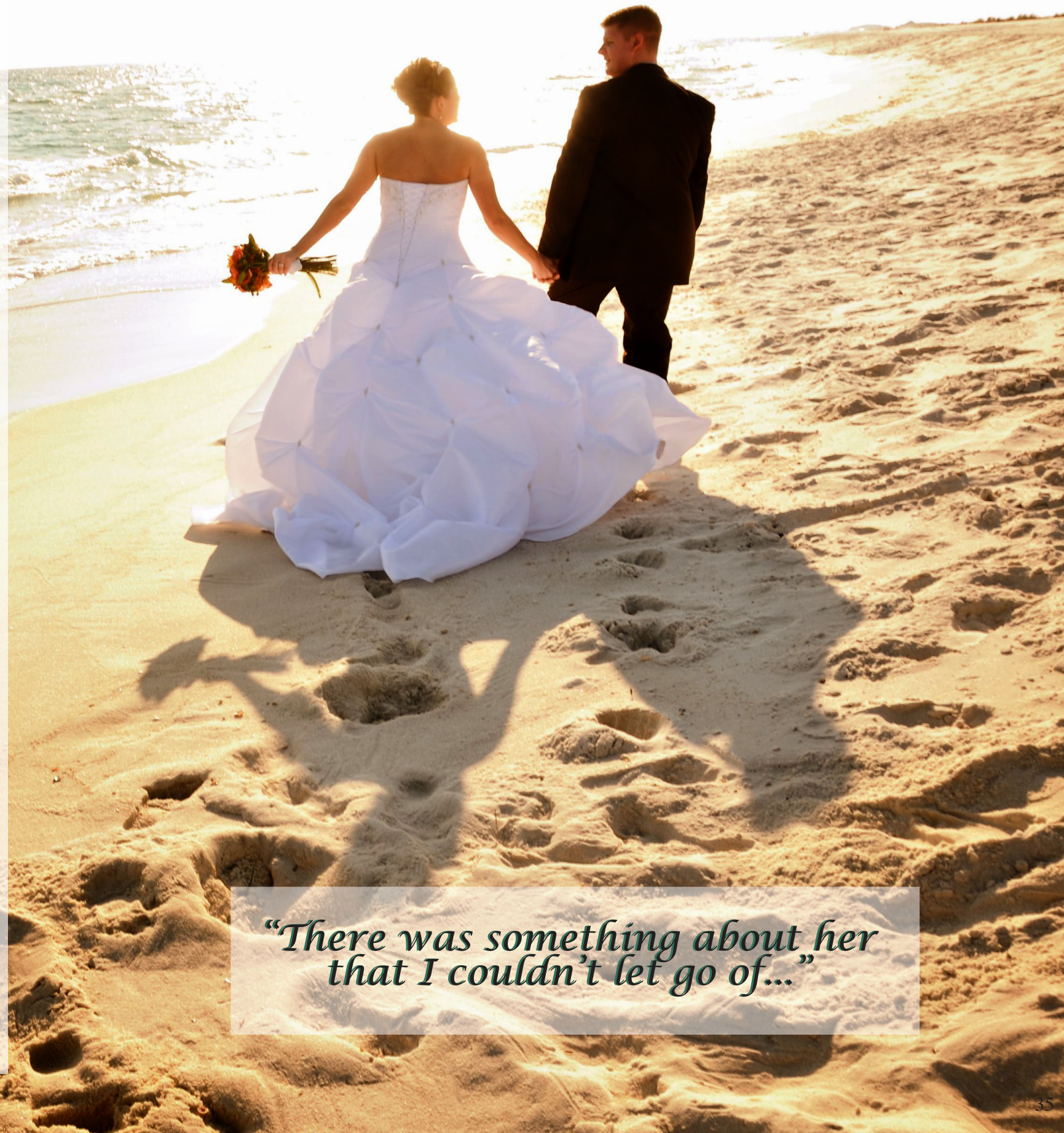
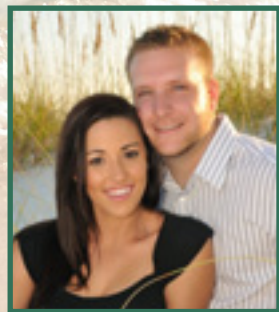
picnic on their three year anniversary, so as the couple walked through the park with their two furry friends, they stopped at a red and white checkered table cloth that Alex had laid out earlier that day. The picnic was equipped with a vase of Bella's favorite flowers, gerber daisy's, along with sandwiches, fruit, cookies and chips. By this time Bella was a little suspicious, as Alex had never been the romantic type. Before she knew it, Alex was down on one knee, "Everything happened so fast and then he was telling me he loved me and wanted to grow old with me," Bella said. Tears streaming down her face, she said yes, and out of hiding came Alex's brother and sister-in-law who had documented the entire engagement on camera.

The Big Day

The couple wed on Saturday, October 8, in Charleston, SC. Guests' toes were tickled by sand as the ceremony took place under the

pier at Folly Beach with the support of 75 of the couple's closest family and friends. Bella and her bridesmaids handmade all programs and fans for the wedding guests. Bella's dress was a beautiful Vera Wang, which captured her southern elegant charm perfectly. After the 'I do's' the reception was held with all southern, homemade food. Macaroni-and-cheese, coleslaw, bar-b-que, sweet tea, classic dinner rolls,

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