



## Romance by the Book

Viola Sutanto and Phillip Ting

When Viola Sutanto, 31, and Phillip Ting, 49, decided to use the classic story *To Kill a Mockingbird* as inspiration for their wedding, they had to use a little imagination. After all, the book is hardly a typical love story. So the couple, both graphic designers, focused on the narrator, six-year-old Scout, in creating a day full of playfulness and childhood memories. The book theme extended from the save-the-dates, which were designed as bookmarks, to the ceremony, where bridesmaids carried flowers tucked into decorative boxes made (by the bride) to look like books. At the reception, guests nibbled on bite-size sweets from Taiwan and Indonesia that were family favorites and ate, drank, and played until...the end.



The bridesmaids carried booklike boxes that held bouquets; a flower girl carried an oversize bird's nest.



The bride created the programs (see her work at [www.chewingthecudweddings.com](http://www.chewingthecudweddings.com)).



The ceremony started with a quote from *Winnie the Pooh*, then the couple each read a poem and self-written vows.



Instead of a pillow, the ring bearer carried books tied with ribbons made to look like an old-fashioned book sling.



The ceramic eggs were by Rae Dunn ([www.raedunn.com](http://www.raedunn.com)). Viola printed the table runner with words from her poem.



The couple printed guests' names on journals lined up in crates. Letters indicating table assignments were inside.



The wedding was at the Carreros Inn, in Napa, California. Viola's hairpiece was by Kelly Sperbeck ([www.kauturn.com](http://www.kauturn.com)).



In addition to Taiwanese and Indonesian desserts, there was a French-macaroon tower in the wedding colors.



Boxes full of childhood photos, set on each table, helped the two families (who had never met) break the ice.