

# Wednesday's Woman

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## We tv picks Loni Love to host new 'Bridezillas' series

**L**oni Love is a celebrated comedienne, host, actress, author, and TV personality and now the new voice of WE tv's pop culture phenom "Bridezillas" that will return this fall for season 13 after a multi-year hiatus to ratings success and glowing fan reception for the new reboot!

"We are thrilled to have a multi-faceted talent like Loni join 'Bridezillas' as the new voice of the show," said Marc Juris, president of WE tv. "Her comedic wit is unmatched, and we can't wait for longtime fans of the series and new audiences to see the energy that Loni brings to each episode."

"Bridezillas" famously spotlights 'normal' women who have turned into 'Bridezillas,' all in the name of planning the "perfect" wedding. Each episode follows two hilariously unhinged brides as they journey toward the altar — we learn about the brides and their grooms, their backgrounds, relationship histories, and see how the wedding has taken over their lives. Tempers and tensions flare, everyone's patience is tested, and monumental meltdowns become inevitable as our "Bridezillas" are pushed to the edge as they strive to throw the event of a lifetime.

"I am thrilled to host and celebrate love with these beautiful brides!!! We will all see their outrageous, hilarious and at times touching stories as they prepare for their dream wedding...it's about to be lit!!! Bridezillas is back!!!" exclaimed Love.

The popular signature series is executive produced by Shahram Qureshi with executive producers for WE tv Lauren P. Gellert, Kate Farrell and Angela Molloy.

Love is currently a co-host



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of "The Real," the one-hour daily talk show on Fox stations. Most recently "The Real" received a 2019 Daytime Emmy nomination for Best Talk show as well as Love and her co-hosts receiving the nomination for Best Talk Show Hosts. The nationally syndicated show (with a rebroadcast in primetime on cable network BET) was nominated for four Emmy Awards, including

Outstanding Talk Show, and won the Emmy for Outstanding Entertainment Talk Show Hosts. The Real also won a 2018 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Talk Series.

In addition, Love is the subject of the documentary "Being Loni Love," which traces her life story from her early days as a latchkey daughter growing up in Detroit's Brewster-Douglas housing projects to national

stand up comedienne, TV and movie star. Her first book "Love Him or Leave Him but Don't Get Stuck with the Tab" was published in 2013.

Early in her career, Love was a regular at the legendary Laugh Factory. In 2003, she won the Jury Prize for Best Stand-Up on "Star Search," and went on to showcase on HBO's "U.S. Comedy Arts Festival" in Aspen. She has

been a recurring guest DJ on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and serves as co-host of the Gracie Award-winning radio show "Café Mocha" with rapper YoYo, where they have interviewed President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama, as well as John Legend, and countless others. Café Mocha is the only nationally syndicated show of its kind that was created exclusively by and for women of color. You can catch the show on over 40 stations including SiriusXM Channel 141.

Additionally, she has guest hosted on Fashion Police and been a correspondent for Entertainment Tonight and E! She has appeared in films such as "Mother's Day," "Paul Blart Mall Cop 2," "Soul Plane" with Kevin Hart and the "Bad Ass" franchise with Danny Glover and Danny Trejo. The Detroit Diva has no plans on slowing down. She hosted the 25th Essence Festival in New Orleans, LA and was slated to return as host for the 2020 festival which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic

### About We tv

With compelling, can't miss unscripted shows, WE tv's programming is fueled by personalities and relationships filled with purpose and passion. WE tv welcomes everyone and creates an inclusive experience across all platforms: on TV, online, on demand, and social media, embracing how today's digitally savvy, socially engaged audiences connect through content, using it as a catalyst to drive conversation and build community. WE tv is owned and operated by AMC Networks Inc., and its sister channels include AMC, BBC America, IFC and Sundance TV.

## Detroit Diva embraces flaws in new memoir

**I**n an inspiring, hilarious memoir about learning to resist the pressures of conformity, love yourself for who you are, embrace your flaws, and unlock your true potential, Loni Love tells it like it is! Now co-host of Fox's *The Real* and SiriusXM's *Café Mocha*, Love hasn't taken the typical path to becoming America's favorite straight-talking girlfriend and comedian. She was not the child of Hollywood legends and she never wore a size 00. Rather, she grew up in housing projects in Detroit, more worried about affording her next meal than going on a diet. When she moved to Hollywood after graduating

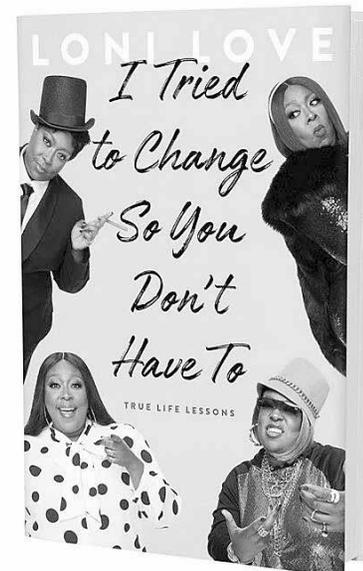
college with an engineering degree, seeking to break out in the entertainment world, there was nothing that would convince her to eat the kale salads and quinoa bowls that her colleagues introduced her to, which looked to Love like "weeds my grandma used to pay me a dollar to pull from her yard."

Still, despite the differences that set her apart in the status-driven world of entertainment where being thin, young, blond, and bubbly is sometimes considered a talent, Love spent years trying to fit in — trying to style her hair just so, dieting, dating the men she thought she was supposed to be with. In this book, she tells

the uproariously funny story of how she overcame the trap of self-improvement and instead learned to embrace who she was. As Love writes, "There's a saying a lot of people live by: 'Fake it till you make it.' For me, it's always been 'fake it, and then have the whole thing blow up in your face.'" *I Tried to Change So You Don't Have To* explores all of the embarrassing mistakes, terrifying challenges, and unexpected breakthroughs that taught her how, by committing ourselves to our own path, we can take control of our destiny. The book which is set to be released June 23, 2020 is available for pre-order at [www.LoniLove-Book.com](http://www.LoniLove-Book.com).

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