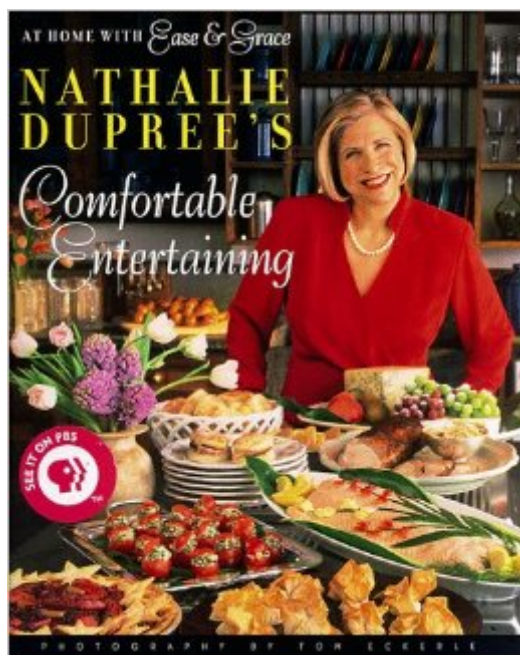


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# Nathalie Dupree's Comfortable Entertaining



## Synopsis

"If you've watched my television show, you know that PERFECT is not my thing!" says Nathalie Dupree. In *Comfortable Entertaining*, she has written the book that gives us permission--at long last--to entertain in a less-than-perfect world. A much-loved cookbook and television personality, Dupree has thrown parties on rooftops and in tiny apartments, planned galas for hundreds, and put on last-minute get togethers. Her award-winning cookbooks have sold over half a million copies, but *Comfortable Entertaining* is the book that shows us how to do what Dupree does best--create spontaneous hospitality and great food. This full-range cookbook and entertaining guide features twenty-six full menus, from holiday classics to an eye-popping formal dinner party for eight, from soup parties and brunches to more casual meals and salad lunches. Dupree displays colorful and attractive napkin and tablecloth procedures, and explains how to seat feuding guests; and what to do when dinner burns to a crisp minutes before the guests are to arrive (order out!). Whether your style is burgers on the grill or dining on heirloom porcelain, Nathalie Dupree's *Comfortable Entertaining* is a must-have. Illustrated throughout with color photographs, and packed with 250 life-is-not-perfect recipes, *Comfortable Entertaining* is as friendly, inspiring, and down-to-earth as a cookbook can get.

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## Customer Reviews

As an owner of all of Nathalie's cookbooks, she again has proved herself a consummate professional and a perfectionist as far as format and content are concerned. Her book is delightful (of coffee table category) and is divided into four major categories: sit-down meals, fork meals, finger meals, and holiday. Tom Eckerle's beautiful photography again contributes to the overall

success of her latest work and is even better than Nathalie's Southern Memories. I was inspired by her innovative recipes -- even all these cookbooks later. I plan to try buffet tenderloin mini-rounds, melon cubes with slivers of prosciutto, as well as the low country shrimp bowl. Nathalie's "how-to" pages and tips are invaluable; I plan to spend a few hours "reading" more of her cookbook during my holiday vacation. One last big plus (another reason for buying this cookbook for yourself or a Christmas gift this year) is the excellent format, including ingredients printed in columnar bold print to the left of directions. Five-star all the way!! This would make an excellent bridal shower gift, also.

Submitted by Jean Arkens

I not only enjoy the Comfortable Entertaining Cookbook by Nathalie Dupree, but I feel Nathalie Dupree's Comfortable Entertaining television series is one of the best cooking series ever. I can identify with Nathalie more than other cooking show personality's. She makes me feel as though perfection is not a prerequisite for a good cook. She comes across as someone who finds joy in cooking and entertaining and does not require perfection in herself or others.

A great gift book for those who have entertaining skills as well as those who aspire to. Natalie Dupree does an excellent job of demystifying gracious entertaining. I will also enjoy keeping the book myself as a good resource.

I'm an experienced cook and entertainer but I really love this book. I always like Nathalie; her conversational style of writing makes for a non-intimidating experience and her recipes are delicious! It's always nice to have new ideas for entertaining and if you haven't done it before this book can certainly help you through the experience.

I have followed the leader of TV cooking for years. Before the day of reality shows with mass productions Nathalie and Julia did it all! This was the early 80's and the leaders of all the cooking shows that are booming.. They had to find their own sponsors to pay their staff and try to sell the shows to a TV station to earn money. No redoes or edits, it was what it was. They cooked in their own kitchens with one camera man that may have been a volunteer. Now we have reality shows and big bucks backing their shows, some with false personalities, and staff doing their work and scripts. Nathalie's shows were or a real event, not staged or staffed- Thank you Nathalie, sorry you did make big bucks, but led the way for others. Even the fakes! You have great books, a great leader in the cooking world. Most of all for letting us know we all can slip at times and still have a

great meal.

I have taken this book out of the library many times over the last several years, and have always been delighted with everything I've made with its help. I finally decided that I needed to own it.

I was looking for the recipe for the little rosemary rolls, and there it was!! Best rolls ever

I love Nathalie Dupree's Comfortable Entertaining. Many of the recipes I use everytime I entertain. If you only buy the book for the chapter on Thanksgiving it would be worth every \$\$.

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