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Afternoon Tea Parties



Synopsis

Whether it's a summer tea party in the backyard or a cozy gathering in front of the fire, afternoon tea is a treat any time of the year and the perfect way to celebrate a special occasion. Susannah Blake's ideas include an elegant Classic English Tea with delicate finger sandwiches and Lemon Drizzle Cake: a Fireside Tea with Toasted Teacakes and Sticky Mazipan and Cherry Loaf: or a self-indulgent Champagne Tea with Smoked Salmon Crostini and Strawberries and Cream. Girly get-together include a Bridal Shower, a Sweet Sixteen Party, and a Baby Shower. Why not host a Russian Tea of Blinis with Sour Cream and Caviar or a Moroccan Tea with glasses of sweet Mint Tea and Almond and Orange Blossom Pastries? This is the perfect book for tea party enthusiasts everywhere --providing plenty of ideas and delicious recipes for this much-loved tradition. *An irresistible collection of themed menus for a variety of afternoon tea parties, offering delicious recipes and all the creative inspiration you need to host a memorable tea-time gathering.

*Everything you need to know about preparing a tea-time feast, including recommendations for the perfect tea to accompany each menu. *Tempting photographs by Martin Brigdale.

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Customer Reviews

This is a lovely book, with wonderful ideas, gorgeous pictures and interesting recipes. As with many other books in this style (glossy, full color, little known author), the directions and recipes are obviously not well edited and test-kitchens. In one recipe "yogurt and pistachio cake", the bake wear to be used is described as "medium baking dish" and no oven temperature is given at all. If there wasn't a picture, I would have no idea the appropriate dish is a 9 1/2" x 14" pan. I had to

research what would be the right temp online, and got average results. Other recipes are a little bland, and needs a creative mind and a heavy hand to bring them to full flavor. I would recommend this book to others, so long as they have enough kitchen savvy to navigate these significant omissions.

I found this book quite charming and delightful. The book is very well laid out with wonderful photos for every recipe. Some of the themed tea parties listed are: Classic English Tea, Japanese Tea, Mother's Day Tea, Baby Shower, French Tea, Sweet Sixteen, Floral Garden Tea and much more. Each themed tea party suggests the kind of tea to serve and the scrumptious delectables to bake and consume. I can't stress enough how beautiful the photos are in this book. A must have for anyone who collects tea books.

Truly a lovely book indeed! Full of sumptuous photographs throughout, all in glorious colour. Most showing beautiful tranquil scenes of tea party settings laid out in the 'olde' English style. The pictures of the cakes and fancies made my mouth water. A real treat. Relaxing just to look at.

This book is by far one of my favourites. It gives great detail on what foods to serve for different types of afternoon tea parties. I usually take a few recipes from throughout the book, but you could follow it to a T, if you prefer. There are so many options, ranging from Mother's Day, Baby Shower, Sweet 16, Japanese, Afternoon Tea for a man, and so many more. The recipes are in metric so you would need to convert them, but it is easy to do if you google a website that does it for you. I love it, and refer to it often.

I'm very pleased with this book. I love that the author has quite a few different types of tea parties, and each one has beautiful photography and scrumptious recipes. The pictures not only show lovely table settings, but great close-ups of each dish or dessert. It makes you want to try every single recipe! I did try one so far, the coffee and walnut cake from the "High Tea" chapter. It was delicious, and the mascarpone cheese/coffee frosting was so creamy and delicious too. Next time I think I'll double the recipe, though, as it made a slightly smaller double-layer cake than usual, but still a decent size. I thought afterward that maybe it was meant to be a little smaller for an "afternoon tea", whereas I was making it for a birthday cake. I'll definitely be trying more of these recipes and "tea party" ideas in the future. My adult daughters were also impressed with the delicious recipes and pictures. If the author has more ideas for other tea parties, I will definitely want to get that book too.

This book looks good enough to eat in of itself. It is a lovely read, and I was surprised to find that the recipes really stand strong too. As a very shaky baker myself, I found many of these recipes WORKED for me (!) - and the scones recipe (in the Classic English Tea) is the most successful (and tastiest) scone recipe I have ever used. There are tonnes of ideas for unusual afternoon teas in this book, and it would make a lovely gift for anyone with an interest in entertaining. The photos are exceptionally attractive.

Tea facts, parties and recipes are a lovely hobby for me. I have used recipes and ideas from this book on a few occasions and have been very pleased with the results as have my guests.

Has lots of recipes and beautiful photographs. Very glad I purchased it. I would have liked more photos of table settings, but it is worth the buy.

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