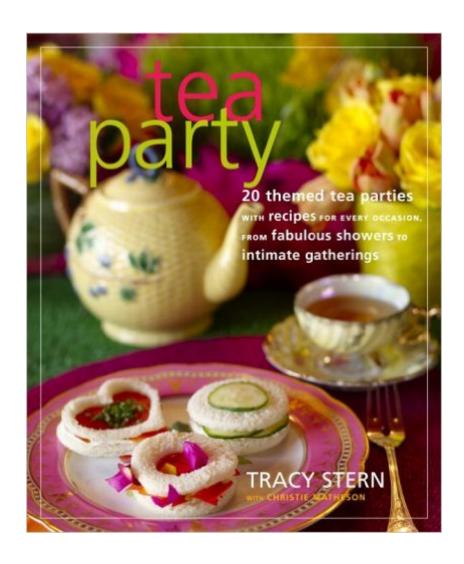
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Tea Party: 20 Themed Tea Parties With Recipes For Every Occasion, From Fabulous Showers To Intimate Gatherings





Synopsis

Enjoy life. Drink tea. Celebrate often. Tracy Stern is passionate about tea. She has created wildly popular lines of teas and tea-based beauty products and has hosted hundreds of stylish tea parties to celebrate all sorts of occasions. She has introduced a new generation to the pleasures of tea without any of its traditional stuffiness. In Tea Party, she encourages everyone to make their next gathering that much more special by incorporating tea into the menu. Starting with tips on choosing and brewing teasâ "from white and green teas to herbal rooibos and different black teasâ "Tea Party then shares more than seventy-five recipes, both savory and sweet, as part of twenty themed tea parties. Stern features classic tea accompaniments such as Scones with Clotted Cream and Cucumber-Mint Tea Sandwiches as well as novel recipes that use flavorful and healthful tea as an ingredient, including Homemade Potato Fries with Ceylon Tea Salt and Tea-Scented Chocolate Truffles. Above all, the focus is on fun, not fuss. The party suggestions are perfect for afternoons with friends, bridal and baby showers, cocktail and dinner parties, picnics, and brunches. A Mad Hatterâ ™s Tea Partyâ "for a birthday or an unbirthdayâ "will delight kids and adults alike with tea sandwiches made with edible flowers followed by Eat Me! Cupcakes. Chai Breakfast Tea reveals a fantastic recipe for the sweetly spiced irresistible drink along with recipes for chai-scented pancakes and candied almonds. Ideas and inspirations abound for fabulous, easy, and affordable invitations, decorations, table settings, and charming party favors that tie into each partyâ ™s theme. Featuring beautiful color photography throughout, Tea Party is a hip, up-to-date slant on a beloved tradition, inspiring everyone to drink a little more tea, celebrate a little more often, and enjoy life a whole lot more.

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Customer Reviews

I just can't say enough about this book. It's a wonderful reference for anyone wanting to have "real" tea parties. It is full of recipes, tips and tons of information about tea parties. The author is obviously very passionate and well educated about her subject.

I love this book. I can see why the dissapointment from others, but it has great ideas, which allows you to be creative with her suggestions for table settings, invitations, etc. I would have loved more pictures of the recipes, but still recommend the book.

I host regular themed and non-themed morning or afternoon teas. I am always on the lookout for books that provide inspiration (and keep adding to my 400plus-cookbook collection). First, the idea of a cookbook with themed teas is hardly new. Second, while the pictures in this book are lovely, and certainly inspirational, the variety of foods served at Ms Stern's teas is disappointingly low. Also, with details on decor, etc, the impression one gets is of a "paint by numbers" party. For some people that spoils all the fun of using the imagination. I would recommend instead "Afternoon Tea" by Susannah Blake (great pictures, good recipes) or books by Bruce and Shelley Richardson (so-so pictures, fantastic recipes).

Probably the best part of this book is the themed party ideas - colors, decorating ideas, linens, things like that. Lots of cocktails, lots of bought food, menus include the same recipe items over and over again throughout the book, so there are very few recipes - and they are all very common. Some chapters are merely a list of things to buy at a store, no recipes at all.If you cook or want a variety of foods, I don't recommend this book.

This book is ravishing to look at...with great ideas for hosting your own tea party...although the themes are based around tea, these are not just parties for ladies...there is a Russian Tea, a Graduation Tea, a Winter Tea etc. The author provides great ideas for your tablescape, and other tips such as appropriate flowers, centerpieces and music. The recipes are elegant and fairly unusual...brownies made with vanilla tea...yum! The pictures are stunning. This book is a worthwile addition to your cookbook collection.

This book had a lot of information that is useful but this book leaves much to be desired. All information can be obtained from other sources. The chapter in a Mad Hatter tea party (which I had and wanted the book for) had really nothing to share in my opinion. Rent it at the library and save your money. I gave it 4 stars because of the colorful pictures. I would not recommend.

I love the idea of tea parties! I have no time for them currently, but in just a few short years, I am having them regularly! This book is a great start to planning them and has wonderful recipes and party ideas!

One of the best tea books to come out in years! Colorful presentation, unique recipe ideas and themes; this book is a must if you love tea and throwing tea parties. I can't imagine how any tea lover would be disappointed in this book.

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