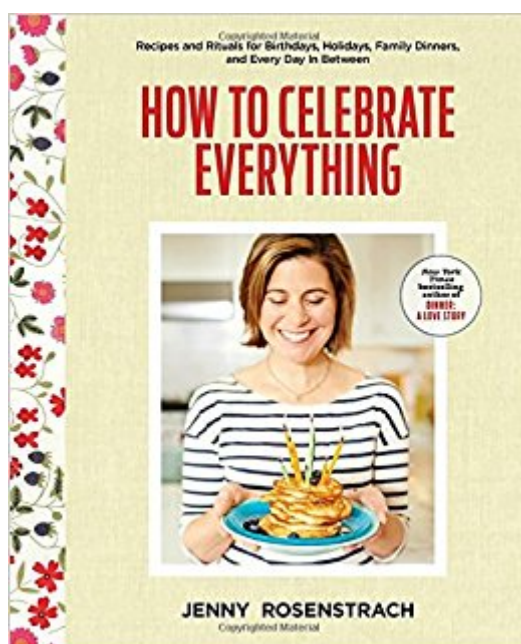


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# How To Celebrate Everything: Recipes And Rituals For Birthdays, Holidays, Family Dinners, And Every Day In Between



## Synopsis

A New York Times Best Cookbook of Fall 2016 • A warm and inviting guide to turning birthdays, holidays, and everyday occasions into cherished traditions, with more than 100 time-tested recipes "from the creator of the popular blog and book *Dinner: A Love Story* and author of the New York Times bestseller *Dinner: The Playbook* • Families crave rituals," says Jenny Rosenstrach, and by rituals she means not just the big celebrations "Valentine's Day dinners, Mother's Day brunches, Halloween send-offs, Thanksgiving feasts, holiday cocktail parties" but the little ones we may not even realize are rituals: a platter of deluxe nachos on Super Bowl Sunday, or a bowl of creamy mashed potatoes after every braces-tightening session. Whether simple or elaborate, daily or annual, these rituals all serve the same purpose for Rosenstrach: to bring comfort, connection, and meaning to every day. • 100+ recipes, including: • popovers, apple fritters, and golden pancakes, perfect for sleepover mornings or birthday breakfasts • • Interfaith Sliders •: one version with ham and another with brisket • Rosenstrach's legendary chocolate Mud Cake "plus an entire section on birthdays, including a one-size-fits-all party planner that does not rely on pizza • complete menus for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve • and, of course, dozens of Rosenstrach's signature family dinners: Grilled Soy-Glazed Pork Chops, Harissa-Roasted Chicken, Crispy Chickpeas with Yogurt Sauce and Naan, Grilled Spicy Shrimp Tacos with Avocado Butter and Summer Cabbage, and more • In this digital, overscheduled age, *How to Celebrate Everything* helps families slow down, capture the moments that matter "and eat well while doing it. Praise for *How to Celebrate Everything* • • I have been an ardent fan of Jenny Rosenstrach's beautiful writing for years. I always know that every word of her books will be something to savor, and *How to Celebrate Everything* will strike a chord with anyone who enjoys family, friends, and delicious food. • "Ree Drummond, New York Times bestselling author of *The Pioneer Woman Cooks* • Enjoy *How to Celebrate Everything* for the easy-to-follow recipes. But even more satisfying are the wonderful anecdotes of family life and [Jenny Rosenstrach's] genial examination of the lasting role that food plays in our lives beyond the plate. • "Family Circle (September • What We're Reading • Pick) • • With characteristic warmth and humor, [Rosenstrach] urges readers to ritualize and celebrate the small moments in family life by sharing stories from her own. . . . Rosenstrach is a skilled storyteller and introduces each occasion with an engaging essay before offering up the much-loved recipes that inspired it. . . . A delicious and delightful ode to the ways family and food intertwine, reinforcing each other. • "Booklist • • Featured recipes are proven kid friendly and presented with humorous mommy angst and nostalgic commentary . . . Rosenstrach inspires, reminding us that the real

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Jenny Rosenstrach is the creator of *Dinner: A Love Story*, the award-winning website devoted to

family dinner, and the New York Times bestselling author of Dinner: A Love Story (Ecco), Dinner: The Playbook (Ballantine), and How to Celebrate Everything (Ballantine). She was the features director at Cookie magazine for four years and special projects editor at Real Simple for six. Her essays and articles have appeared in numerous national publications and anthologies, including The New York Times Book Review, Real Simple, Martha Stewart Living, Whole Living, and the op-ed page of The New York Times. She has appeared on NPR's Weekend Edition and NBC's Today. She and her husband, Andy Ward, write the Providers column for Bon Appétit. They live with their two daughters in Westchester County, New York.

This book is wonderful! As others have said, it's a good read -- lots of lovely stories, parenting tips, and ideas woven in between the recipes. There's so much inspiration in the pages of this book from her specific party menus to lists of ideas you can use for your own parties or family dinners. There's no pretention (the doughnut cake is a stack of doughnuts) or preaching (even when she's explaining while she makes -- as a parent of young children, I felt like I was hanging at Jenny's kitchen counter feasting on parenting advice and hearing humbling "we're all in this together and it's never perfect" type stories about kids and family. So far we've tried the Snickerdoodles and the Quinoa Salad with Roast Veggies and Feta both of which turned out great as I'd expect from Jenny. There's a long list of recipes I can't wait to try -- Apricot Rum Glazed Ham, Franks and Beans, Cider Glazed Meatballs, Grilled Potatoes with Chutney, etc etc. My only complaint is that similar to her first book, it is a little bit of a wander and when you're looking for a specific recipe, you often have to use the index as finding a particular section or remembering where a recipe fell in her order of things can be frustrating. I think it's more organized than the first -- there's a rough seasonal organization and of course the various sections of holidays, family rituals, etc. but with all the stories and pictures it's still not as easy to navigate as a traditional cookbook.

This book came as a pleasant surprise. My best friend gave it to me as a gift because she had been telling me about the author's blog which she loves. I was pleasantly surprised by how inspired I was by her ideas and I'm inspired to try all her delicious looking recipes. It also makes me think about the rituals and meals I share with my children and how important those small moments are. Thank you Jenny Rosenstrach! I highly recommend.

I buy Jenny's books because the recipes turn out well every single time. I made the franks and

beans for fun, and they turned out great! I'm making her Thanksgiving menu this year after making the potatoes gratin and gravy recipes as trials. The harissa roasted chicken and leaf salad both have stars beside them in my book already. I'm looking forward to the bus stop social I'm planning to host! Thanks for the inspiration, Jenny!

There's nothing better than a new Jenny Rosenstrach cookbook, and this one is maybe my favorite yet -- full of excellent recipes, good cheer, and indomitable spirit. Food is a source of love and also of family ritual, in a way that seems both delightful and attainable. (Well, at least some of the time!)

This book is fabulous! First -- I love the name. It is cheerful and gets anyone who receives it excited. The pictures are gorgeous and Jenny Rosenstrach makes the reader feel like she has invited them into her home. It makes you want to be her! It is literally the perfect book to stash away for emergency hostess, birthday or housewarming gifts. It is always the perfect gift for every occasion. I plan to order several more to have on hand for holidays and events.

When this book arrived in the mail I was in the middle of a work project and on a deadline and should \*not\* have been taking a break to read. Nevertheless, I couldn't put it down. I love Jenny's writing which is both relatable and inspiring. We all need reminders to celebrate the everyday stuff. I really really appreciate her ideas as I am on the cusp of having two teenagers at home and family life as I have known it is...evolving. And of course, as always, I love her recipes and flagged most pages with sticky notes! Brisket sliders? Come on!

I read this from cover to cover and it is such an incredible book -- not just for the recipes, but for the storytelling, and the reminder to seek out ways to find beauty and celebration in the rituals of every day life.

I have to say, after the first two spectacular books Jenny has written, I thought to myself "Can she really do it again? Can Super-Jenny actually have more stories, to invite me to her life?" The answer: Yes she can! Not only do I feel admiration towards Jenny and her family, but determination to try to incorporate her ideas into my own life. Well done Jenny! (Maddie)

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