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Simple Stunning Parties At Home: Recipes, Ideas, And Inspirations For Creative Entertaining



Synopsis

"When the opportunity for celebrating knocks, answer the door and offer it some champagne!" says Karen Bussen. Author of the bestselling "Simple Stunning" wedding series, Bussen now directs her expert's eye to a more intimate kind of festivity: the at-home party. Her simple stunning credo, though, remains the same: Create menus featuring wonderful ingredients in no-fuss, crowd-pleasing preparations; combine homemade and store-bought items in fresh, elegant presentations; tailor colors, tableware, and lighting for visual impact; and limit effort, expense, and waste. The book details 12 complete plans for four different kinds of parties; cocktail gatherings, casual suppers, formal dinners, and daytime get-togethers. Each plan includes food and drink menus (with recipes) as well as decor and music suggestions. Following Bussen's advice, you'll delight your guests while showcasing your personal style; which is what great parties are all about.

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Customer Reviews

Karen Bussen is a well-known New York-based wedding planner and the author of five books in the "Simple Stunning" wedding series. She has been featured on Inside Edition and other TV programs, and she was the cooking and entertaining expert on the DIY Network's Home Made Easy.

This is one fantastic book. My husband and I love to entertain at our cottage in the summer and I have used many ideas from this book. We enjoy theme-style get-togethers and I try and do tablescapes that compliment the menu and the theme. The author's ideas are unique yet simple

and it is very easy to create your own versions of her parties. My daughter made her "Bath Crystals" recipe for gifts last December in some Ikea glass jars. What a hit! The salts were wonderful house and hostess gifts. I fully intend to pick up her other books because I have been so impressed with this one. A quick glance through this book will inspire anyone who wants to set a gracious table and have a fun gathering. You don't need expensive items to create a table that is a conversation starter and lets the guests know that they were invited to a "special event". This book would be a great housewarming and/or shower gift. Newlyweds will love the parties from football to oriental themes, it's a NOW book.

Very creative ideas and delicious recipes in this book. A great gift for anyone who likes to entertain with flair. Beautiful color photos too! Had to order it twice though, as the first book arrived damaged. But resolved it courteously and promptly.

This book was okay, I was looking more for step by step party ideas. It has beautiful pictures and some recipes I will certainly try. Not quite the real world entertaining I was looking for!

Very good book for wedding plans and parties

Nice book on partying..

And 'stunning' ideas is exactly what I got!! The written words are great descriptors and the pictures...well, not enough can be said about the photographs!!! I love to actually 'see' the finished product. A great book!!

Purchase as a gift.....love it.

Beautiful book - lots of wonderful ideas. A great guide to start another new year of entertaining!

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