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The Cocktail Party: Eat Drink Play Recover



Synopsis

THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO THROWING THE PERFECT PARTYâ™ FROM ONE OF TODAYâ™S MOST SOUGHT-AFTER CATERERS. Â When A-listers want to host a standout event, they call New York caterer Mary Giuliani. Her motto? Eat. Drink. Play. Recover. She prefers a âœsimple yet specialâ approach to entertaining but still manages to make the ordinary extraordinary. Now Mary is sharing all her secrets, along with tried-and-true planning tips, inventive menus, whimsical recipes, and delicious storiesâ™ everything you need to know to get your ducks in a rowâ™ and your pigs in their blankets!â™ to stage the perfect party for a range of special occasions, including Â • New Yearâ™s Eve: Banana Pancake Bites, Mini Kale and Fontina Breakfast Pies, and Champagne Jell-O • Game Day: MACO (Mac and Cheese Taco) with Guacamole, Banoffee Cream Pie in a Mug, and Beergaritas • Awards Season: Chicken Satay, Edamame Dumplings, and Easiest Champagne Drink Ever • Cinco de Mayo: Spicy Pigs, Sweet Quesadilla Bites, and Grapefruit-Jalapeno Margaritas • Thanksgiving: Turkey with Cranberry on Mini Pumpkin Muffins, Mashed Potato Popovers with Mozzarella, and Topsy Turkey Martinis • Christmas: Mini Grilled Cheese with Fontina and OTTO Black Truffle Honey, Baked Italian Mini Doughnuts, and Italian Eggnog Â Each party theme comes with a festive Snacktivity that turns your favorite foods and toppings into an eye-popping set piece (think frittata bar, soup-sipping station, DIY grilled cheese party). Mary also offers up Big Stories to get the conversation flowing, a Party Calculator to plan how much to buy and prep per guest, and advice for stocking your Party Closet so you can quickly turn a casual drop-by into a fabulous time. Whether you host get-togethers once a week or once a year, this handy guide has all you need to eat, drink, and be, well, Mary. Praise for Mary Giuliani and The Cocktail Party Â • âœA handbook for living well and appreciating life with joyous abandon.â •â™ Mario Batali, from the Foreword Â • âœWhen Mary Giuliani caters a party at your home, guests eat more, drink more, and linger longer, and when they do finally leave they ask for to-go bags. All-encompassing but never fussy, clever but never pretentious, Maryâ™s approach to food and entertaining is warm and familiar without ever sacrificing on quality and sophistication.â •â™ Ariel Foxman, editorial director, InStyle Â • âœMary pulls it all together with effortless panache, and all I can ever remember the next dayâ™ besides the fact that I drank too muchâ™ is how delicious everything was and how much fun I had. That is why I have her saved on my phone as â^Party Expert.â™â •â™ Jonathan Van Meter, author and contributing editor, Vogue and New York

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Mary Giuliani is a party and lifestyle expert and owner of Mary Giuliani Catering and Events. She has maintained a loyal client roster that includes J.Crew, *Vogue*, the Rolling Stones, Bradley Cooper, Stella McCartney, Carolina Herrera, HBO, and many more. Mary has appeared on *Today*, *Good Morning America*, and *Barefoot Contessa*, among other national media. In 2013 she partnered with chef Mario Batali on a catering collaboration called *MARIObyMary*. Mary splits her time between New York City's Chelsea neighborhood and Woodstock, New York, with her husband Ryan, and daughter, Gala.

I had no expectations simply because Mary is not an author. She does what she does and is magical at it - I have had the pleasure of attending her affairs. That said, this book is fantastic. It's funny. It's heartwarming. It's an easy pleasure to read. It makes you feel as though a friend is telling you GREAT stories and you are all ears! I am definitely giving this out as holiday gifts to a bunch of folks on my list - well done Mary!

I saw this book and its author on The Chew and knew I had to have the book. I am not disappointed in it at all. The way it's set up is fantastic, where she shows you how to set up a whole party...from decor to dessert. But you can just pick a recipe at random and go for it. Most things are simple, but you won't look like an amateur at all.

Great recipes and pretty easy to make. The little anecdotes from the author are fun, as it seems she is.

This book is the perfect combo of fun storytelling, delicious recipes and creative ideas to use for your next party. I don't host many cocktail parties but this book is making me want to! I love Giuliani's sense of humor and that she doesn't seem to take it all so seriously. I'll be buying this for my aunts this holiday season!

I saw the author on the Today Show go through some of her tricks. She's really original for a budget conscious home entertainer. I thought it the perfect gift for all my sisters-in-law. They all loved it and I got a copy for myself too. A fun read and really great ideas.

This is my go-to gift for friends and family. Mary Giuliani offers a light hearted approach to thoughtful entertaining. The illustrations and ideas are exciting and original. Unlike many other cooking/entertaining books, this book is easy to follow and the results are fun and fabulous! I can't stop buying/recommending this book. Can't wait for the sequel.

Fantastic book! Not only amazing recipes and engaging ideas for your guests, but also a really entertaining read. Loved the anecdotes of Mary's adventures in catering, etc. And unlike most cookbooks, this book really is about the art of a good party as well as delicious and fun recipes. Definitely my go to book for entertaining!

Great for entertaining ideas and she is so funny.

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