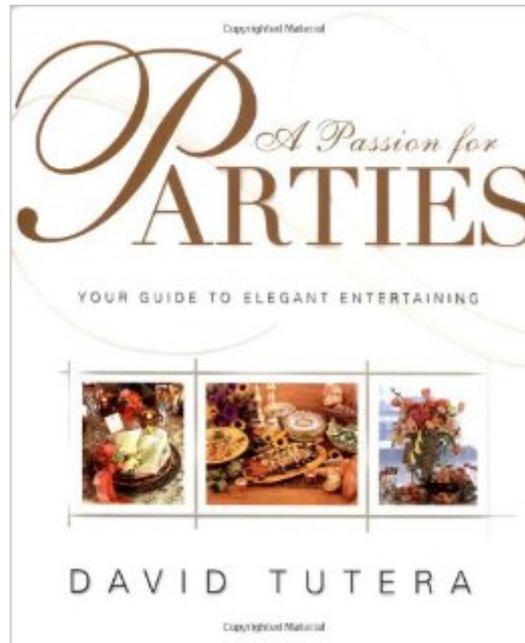


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A Passion For Parties: Your Guide To Elegant Entertaining



Synopsis

Truly great parties cast a powerful spell. They delight the senses, lift the spirit, and enchant their hosts as well as their guests. No one wants them to end, and in fact they never do, as the best ones live on as cherished memories. But how exactly do you produce one of these magical gatherings? The first thing you do is consult David Tutera's "A Passion for Parties." One of the world's premier event planners, Tutera produces extraordinary parties for such disparate luminaries as the Rolling Stones, Tipper Gore, and the Prince of Wales. Now, in this lavishly illustrated entertaining guide, he reveals his trade secrets and helps you stage your own unforgettable event. As inspiring as it is informative, "A Passion for Parties" is a comprehensive guide to planning any kind of party, on any size budget. Tutera begins with the basics: how to find a location; select the invitation; choose a theme; and make decisions about menus, table settings, music, lighting, flowers, and decor. Then he shows you how to apply those basics to a variety of events: intimate gatherings, birthday parties, weddings, formal celebrations, and holiday entertaining. For the major events, he guides you through the technical details -- what to know if hiring a caterer, live band, valet parking, or tenting service -- and pulls in specialists like wedding cake expert Sylvia Weinstock and culinary master Wolfgang Puck. Best of all, Tutera identifies the key elements of all parties, large or small, and offers a dazzling array of possibilities to make each party special. Throughout the book you will find dazzling photographs that bring all of his ideas to life. So whether you are planning a romantic fireplace picnic, a ladies' breakfast, a tented bat mitzvah bash, a New Year's dinner party, a Memorial Day clambake, or the wedding to end all weddings, David Tutera helps you throw the party with your own personal flair. As lighthearted as it is invaluable, David Tutera's "A Passion for Parties" is sure to become your party bible.

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Customer Reviews

I usually do not review items, but this book, A Passion for Parties, I felt I had to. I saw David on "The View" several times and decided to order his book. I am sure glad I did. This is one book I have absolutely enjoyed from page 1. David gives great advice for planning an event. He covers all the finest details on throwing a party from invites right down to how much liquor to order according to your guest count. He also adds humorous stories from his experiences in the industry and very informative tips throughout the length of the book. I recommend this book highly to anyone who throws a party. I can only hope that Mr. Tutera is working on another book to keep me updated on the latest trends.

I was quite disappointed. I had hoped for a few things I could incorporate into my own party giving. But I consider it to be a guide to working with a party planner. No recipes, no how tos. For instance the section on music suggests that you ask the DJ for a list of the types of parties he's worked. I'd prefer a list from David of the best jazz CDs to serve at brunch.

I expected a book on how to plan your own parties, nice doable tips - not at all what this book is about. If you want tips on hiring a party planner or other party services, this is for you. If you like to do things yourself, ie. cook, plan, decorate, look elsewhere.

After checking out Entertaining Expert to the Stars, David Tutera on the TV show "The View," I knew that I had to buy his book! David's first book is not only a stylish volume that has a permanent place on my coffee table but it is a practical handbook filled with gorgeous photos and sensible advice. Through his most helpful trade secrets and best tips, David Tutera showed me that I don't have to spend a lot of money in order to throw a great party. The Rolling Stones, Tommy Hilfiger, Elton John and the Prince of Wales all have hired David to produce spectacular events. Now I know who to call! Packed with invaluable wisdom, A PASSION FOR PARTIES is sure to become the definitive entertainment bible. I highly recommend this book to everyone.

Being heavily involved in producing large events, I would have expected a much better book. The

ideas offered were mediocre at best. Better you focus on decor ideas by companies such as Avi Adler or Preston Bailey (their work is of better quality) and consult real caterers for food. Both Avi & Preston are much more creative and versatile than anything offered in this book. I can tell you this from first hand experience.

A Passion for Parties by David Tutera is the best entertaining guide I've come across in years. I LOVE to throw parties and David's ideas are not only current and innovative, they're easy to throw together. I love the fact that so many of the suggestions are affordable. Additionally, the photos throughout the book are spectacular! It's no wonder David has such a loyal celebrity following. I highly recommend this book for anyone who loves throwing or attending a superb party. One of the best features are the Tutera tips, where David outlines his trade secrets, written in a way that anyone can understand. It's a MUST HAVE!

If you're looking for a book that lays everything out for you, from menu details and what wine goes with what meal, this isn't the book for you. However, if you want to learn about the aspects of THROWING A PARTY - regardless of size, elegance and theme - this book will give you great guidelines; wonderful tips; inspiration and clear, concise information to help you to make the most out of any type of event you want to plan. Truly a book for those who already have their creative juices flowing and just want or need some guidance and direction; presented in a clear and whimsical style that is not only helpful, but a delight to read.

Tutera makes parties seem not only like a celebration, but also an adventure like that experienced in Oscar Winning Films. The setting, the lighting, the costumes, the script - all fell together just like a Hollywood Debut. Parties are too often trivialized as either obligatory family outings or posh one-upsmanship, or worse, boring social events. Tutera makes the world of parties exciting, manageable, uplifting fun times with the right stroke of elegance and sophistication to let everyone know that they are valued for their love, their friendship or even their business. In today's society caught up in the trivial pursuits of daily life - time out for social gatherings that bring excitement into our lives is a treasure - and Tutera's book is the chest to store those treasures to use one day - hopefully soon. Class and Elegance with a human touch - great job!

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