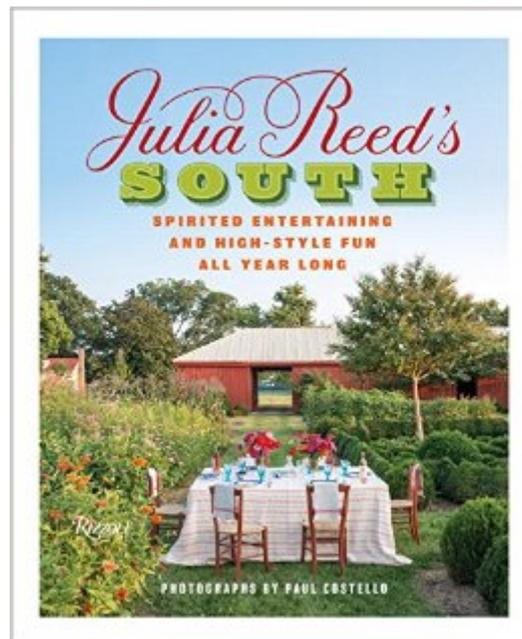


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Julia Reed's South: Spirited Entertaining And High-Style Fun All Year Long



Synopsis

No one embodies the rollicking spirit of great Southern party giving more than Julia Reed, the consummate hostess and go-to food and lifestyle expert. Thrown everywhere from lush gardens and gracious interior spaces to a Mississippi River sandbar, Julia Reed's parties capture the celebratory nature of entertaining in her native South. Here, her informative and down-to-earth guide to throwing an unforgettable party includes secrets she has collected over a lifetime of entertaining. For this book, she offers up a feast of options for holiday cocktails, spring lunches, formal dinners, and even a hunt breakfast. Eleven seasonal events feature delicious, easy-to-prepare recipes, ranging from fried chicken to Charlotte Russe and signature cocktails or wine-pairings she introduces her talented friends (rum makers, potters, fabric designers, bakers) along the way. Each occasion includes gorgeous photographs showing her original approach to everything from invitations and setting a table to arranging flowers and creating the mood. Reed also provides practical considerations and sources. This irresistible book is the ultimate primer for every party-giver.

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Opening with a photograph of the author standing in the doorway to her dining room, refreshment in hand, Julia Reed welcomes the reader into her home for what promises to be an enchanted evening. She shares her belief that entertaining is a pleasurable opportunity to gather with friends old and new and hopefully, to eat and drink well in the bargain. Her readers are encouraged to find delight in each portion of the preparations: deciding whom to invite, planning, grocery

shopping, executing the menu, and decorating the table, thus enabling the hostess to relax and enjoy the occasion. This is a beautifully laid-out book with witty text and photographs that keep the reader returning to look more closely at the details. The 11 chapters cover seasonal gatherings as well as special occasions ranging from "Finally Spring Lunch" to a "Summer Celebration on the Lawn" to a "Fall Hunt Breakfast" and ending with a "Christmas Cocktail Supper." Each menu may be used fully or there are pieces of each that easily can be taken away and applied to one's own entertaining. "A Fall Hunt Breakfast" might translate into a special brunch for beloved houseguests. The recipes run the gamut from the simple (Grilled Deviled Crab and Cheese Sandwich and Fresh Fruit with Celery Seed Dressing) to the sumptuous (Creole Crab Soup and Beef Tenderloin with Hot Mustard and Horseradish) to the luscious (Mary Mack's Blackberry Cobbler). All of the recipes are easily managed and impressive, both in presentation and taste. The author, who grew up in the Mississippi Delta where "entertaining at home was a way of life," introduces us to her mentors and the friends she has made along her entertaining journey. "The parties of my next-door neighbors" |.

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