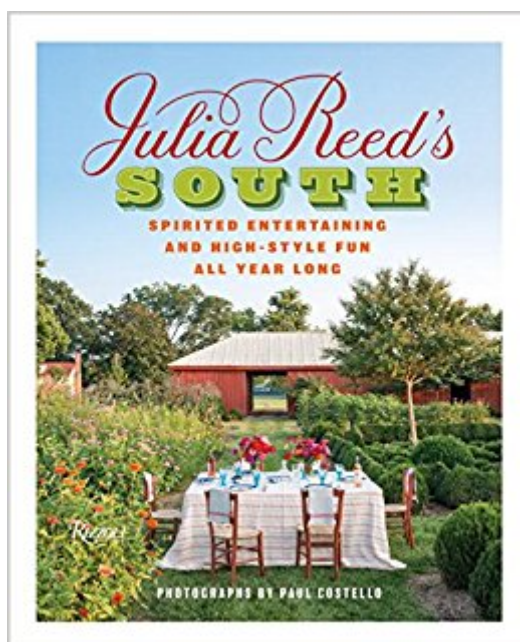


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Julia Reed's South: Spirited Entertaining And High-Style Fun All Year Long



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. ã ã 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. ã ã 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 ã ã 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 ã ã 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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"Celebrate the spirit of the Southern party with Julia Reed, who introduces us to a host of entertaining options including cocktails, formal dinners, lunches and many irresistible seasonal events."-THE SOCIETY DIARIES"Julia's recipes are simply written, soulful and entertaining; her readers will want to cook every night of the week. Not to mention, her anecdotes about life in the

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chicken to lamb bourguignon and scalloped oysters. When she's not throwing an unforgettable soiree or preparing the best blackberry cobbler you've ever tasted, she's writing about it. Julia Reed is Southern Hospitality. In her new book, Julia Reed's South: Spirited Entertaining and High-Style Fun All Year Long, Reed opens up her hospitality playbook, sharing stories, recipes and tips for bringing together friends and family with a serious dose of fun."-LAUREL & WOLF

Journalist and author Julia Reed is a contributing editor at Garden & Gun and Elle Decor. She writes a column for Southern Living, contributes to the Wall Street Journal, and is the author of five books including But Mama Always Put Vodka in Her Sangria and One Man's Folly: The Exceptional Houses of Furlow Gatewood. Paul Costello is a lifestyle photographer. His work has appeared in many publications and books including One Man's Folly and Miles Redd's The Big Book of Chic.

I enjoyed this book so much and was able to relate to many of the stories inside of it, and happy to find out that several of the books she makes reference to in it, are already part of my Library at home. The book is gorgeous and an excellent resource for my Culinary Library!!! :-) Have met this author several times and love her writing and the subjects she writes about!!!

Recipes are great and the best party menus ever. Entertainingly written and totally authentic. Not for just the Southerner, but for anyone who enjoys a good time and making friends feel special.

Have already used several ideas - thanks for the playlist, Julia! Had some fabulous local fried chicken and French champagne for my anniversary with that playlist in the background... as described in the book - delicious and so fun! I've made the Curry Dip - with roasted green beans, roasted asparagus and roasted okra and it was a BIG hit. Also did the Crabmeat Norfolk and served with those crazy Old Bay saltines...and used that crust less toast for pan fried fresh red snapper sandwiches - this is a great book! Her enthusiasm for life and fun - it's a great read too.

funny and good recipes!

Julia is a wonderfully entertaining writer. The recipes are excellent and should inspire us all to entertain!

Love anything Julia writes!

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 *“It’s 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...were so full of good-looking characters and amusing scenes that the babysitter and I watched them like movies”* *“me from a perch in the pear tree just on the other side of the fence that divided our properties, she from a chair in front of the gap where we’d removed a plank.”* Her book is imbued with that still-childlike fascination for fun gatherings, which she has made easily accessible to her readers. This is a very personal book, and at the end of it, it is easy to feel as if a good friend has shared her entertaining know-how and secrets. There are notes on table settings, wines, music playlists, and home decor, in addition to recipes for each occasion. Gifted with a generous spirit, many of the

recipes carry her friends' names in their titles, and she shares her "secret" favorite locations for bought biscuits and fried chicken, and also includes her "where-I-found-it" list in a "Sources" section. This is an entertaining book, which begs the reader to buy two copies – one to use frequently, knowing that it will become worn and splattered with cooking juices and one to keep pristine for better reading enjoyment of its advice, wisdom, and style.

Fabulous like everything Julia Reed does! Such panache and wit. Love her.

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