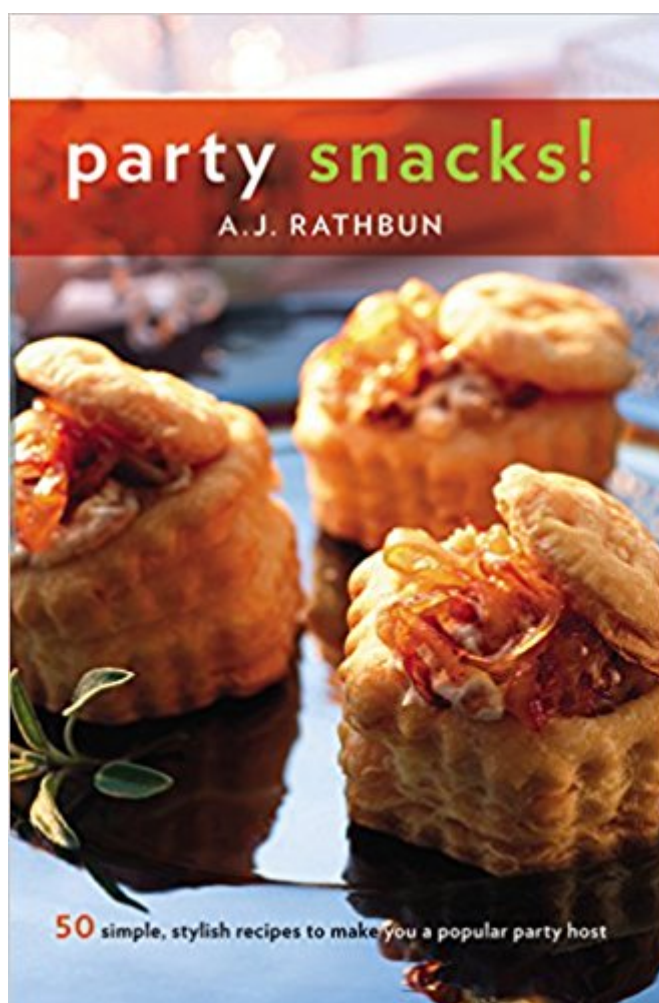


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# Party Snacks!: 50 Simple, Stylish Recipes To Make You A Popular Party Host (50 Series)



## Synopsis

PARTY SNACKS! shows readers how to make their next party one to remember with simple, fun fare that takes any gathering from basic to festive. Author AJ Rathbun amply demonstrates, with his trademark wit and style, that you don't need a culinary degree or a bottomless budget to whip up munchies that transcend bags of chips and canned salsa. A thorough introductory chapter covers all of the basics, and color photos throughout demonstrate how these marvelous morsels will add pizzazz to your parties. In the following concise chapters, A.J. offers stuffed, skewered, baked, dipped, spreadable, and speedy party snacks. They cover the spectrum from classic (Spinach-Artichoke Dip, anyone?) to the updated (Mushroom-Asiago-Walnut Crostini). Need a nosh in a hurry? Nothing could be quicker - or tastier - than White Bean and Rosemary Pate. Looking for party fare that's as elegant as it is easy? Try A.J.'s Gorgeous Gougeres or Sweet Speared Shrimp. Numerous suggestions for cocktail accompaniments - from Italian Martinis to Canadian Grenadiers - ensure that your guest will never go thirsty. A thorough introductory chapter covers all the snack-tastic basics, from stocking the pantry to serving up stylishly, and color photos throughout demonstrate how these marvelous morsels will add pizzazz to your parties. If you're ready to take your get-togethers to the next level-if you're ready to go beyond chips from the bag and salsa from the jar - Party Snacks! has you covered. Let A.J. Rathbun show you how to become a snack master par excellence. Recipes include: Easy and Elegant Antipasto Pretty Party Pinwheels Heavenly Garlicky Hummus Salmon-Dill Toast Savory Cannoli Grilled Honey Teriyaki Chicken Prosciutto-Hugged Cantaloupe Caramelized Onion Shells Heroic Tiny Ham and Cheesers Fun Fundido Leek and Swiss Tartlets Bacon-Wrapped Scallops

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## Customer Reviews

Praise for Good Spirits: Every year brings a new cocktail book, but this one is unusually intelligent.

--Charlotte Observer  
Praise for Good Spirits: In this gorgeous guide to every cocktail imaginable, Rathbun breaks out the 12 chapters not by ingredients but by useful, or at least amusing, categories. The scores of full-color photos are thirst inducing and add an irresistible retro charm to the proceedings. --Publishers Weekly (starred review)

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I just received *Party Snacks!* in my mail three days ago and already I'm certain this is money well spent. While having mixed a few beverages from recipes read in one of the author's other books, *Good Spirits: Recipes, Revelations, Refreshments, and Romance, Shaken and Served with a Twist*, I was fascinated to see what the "noted raconteur" could do to make me a

snack-master. I've tried only one of the 50 recipes (pretty-piquant chicken wings) and they were not only simple, but stylish and delicious! I can't wait to try some of the other great recipes. I highly recommend this book as a great companion to Good Spirits. These two books will turn you into a great bartender, a great host, or maybe even a noted raconteur!

This arrived early and in great condition! I have prepared almost all of the recipes and when I have taken them to friends and families and church events and everyone loves them!

Haven't tried any of the recipes yet but can't wait to do so. Purchased for a theme party. I know these books will go over well.

Times are tight, and while you may not have the resources for a big fancy dinner, you don't have to stay home alone and eat microwave popcorn every night. Partymaster A.J. Rathbun has compiled 50 incredible recipes to help you put some zip and zest into your next party, without you breaking the bank (or a sweat!) Party Snacks! (love the exclamation mark!) is jam-packed with yummy stuff. The spicy cheese balls are amazing, but the Gorgeous Gougeres might be the ultimate party chow. The gougeres (which may or may not be French for awesome cheese biscuit) are simple to make. They have just a few basic ingredients: flour, salt, butter, eggs, parmesan cheese, gruyere cheese - but man, they are excellent. The last party where they were served saw a swarm of guests hovering over the basket of biscuits until they were gone. Put 'em in the center of the room, toss in a couple other tasty snacks, and enjoy yourself and your friends.

there are couple recipes that i really liked and was very easy and fast to make , good for parties and gatherings

This book did not have as many new and easy snacks as I thought it would have. But overall, it was a good book. The shipping was fast and the book was in great condition.

There are lots of snack recipe books out there, and it takes the right combination of content for one to stand out from the crowd--this one has it! I love having friends over and graduated from setting out chips n' dip ages ago, but it's still daunting to try anything complicated. This book contains a variety of recipes for things that look and taste fancy, but are actually super simple to make. Impress your friends (and yourself) with tasty tidbits like watercress sandwiches, spicy cheese balls, and

savory cannoli. Bonuses include drink pairing suggestions, lovely photography, and of course, Rathbun's funny and friendly writing! A note of warning though: do not read this book when hungry--the pictures of the gougeres and mini frittatas alone will cause you to drool uncontrollably!

This is an amazing little book! I use it whenever I'm having people over and I've liked everything I've made so far. A couple of days ago I served the Spicy Sworded Tofu to some friends and they all LOVED it -- including one who normally won't eat tofu. The Pretty Party Pinwheels that are shown on the cover were also a hit, and so was the Edamame with Ginger Salt. A.J.'s recipes are great and they really are quick and easy to put together. This book also has lots of color photos so it's even fun to flip through when you're deciding what to make!

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