

Perfect Parties The Crafty Hands Collection

Annette Joseph, Today Show entertaining expert, knows how to throw a party. Her motto: Make it simple and make it gorgeous! She is able to combine down-to-earth gusto with do-it-yourself brilliance to create an entertaining cookbook for people who want to entertain more and with panache. PICTURE PERFECT PARTIES provides an arsenal of tricks for a year's worth of get-togethers, holidays, and special occasions—including Easter brunch, Cinco de Mayo, summer grill-outs, picnics and barbecues, holiday cocktails, and the Super Bowl— guaranteed to make at-home entertaining easy. Annette Joseph's tasty recipes and fool-proof advice will ensure that you can throw parties with a sense of ease and flair. Joseph is able to show readers how to ingeniously transform the ordinary into the extraordinary without spending a lot of money, and without sacrificing style. Each chapter of PICTURE PERFECT PARTIES shows how to create a total environment around a unique theme. The recipes and menus are not only delicious, and focused on seasonal ingredients, but are designed so that they can be made in advance and portioned individually—a time-management must for the host or hostess. Among the recipes, you will find some that will become everyday favorites, such as White Bean Farro Soup, Parmesan Crisps, Lemony Risotto, and Tuscan Sweet and Sour Kale. Sidebars sprinkled throughout give step-by-step instructions for the inventive trappings that make an event memorable, such as centerpieces, place cards, takeaway containers, and linens. From simple to lavish, PICTURE PERFECT PARTIES delivers brilliant solutions to create fabulous parties.

Remember the last good party you attended? No, not the office mixer where the chips were served from the bag, you had to mix your own drink, and the conversational topic was the latest child-rearing theory. No, the last good party you attended, the one where there was a theme with real food and yummy drinks and decorations to match and people actually talked to you. That's the kind of party we are talking about. And sadly, that's the kind of party that is harder and harder to find-until now. Now sorority sisters Kristina "Morgan" Rose and Deandra "Brooksie" Brooks are here with step-by-step party plans, including themes and concepts, decoration designs, menus and recipes, signature cocktails, and tips to make your event the party that everyone's talking about. With "A Word About" specific issues such as how much alcohol to buy per guest, and humorous quizzes, rants, and Top Ten lists, the only thing more fun than this book is the party you'll be inspired to throw because of it.

A Craft Cocktail book for the rest of us by the top female mixologist in the country. Julie Reiner, the co-owner of The Clover Club in Brooklyn and The Flatiron Lounge in Manhattan, has written a book that provides inspiration for the rest of us, not only the cocktail geeks. She wants to balance the needs of the everyday drinker with those of the passionate mixologist. Recipes are organized around seasonality and occasion, with different events and themes appropriate to the specific time of the year. Each section will include a mixture of holiday-inspired drinks, classic cocktails, and innovative new drinks, all along with fun cocktail lore. Tricks, tips, and techniques -- such as batching and infusions, tools of the trade, notes on spirit types, and easy substitutions to utilize what you already have on hand -- will round out the amazing amount of information in Reiner's book.

This how-to book shows readers how to create fashion accessories (alone or with friends) using basic craft supplies.

Tin House's Summer Reading brings you all the things you've come to expect from the acclaimed literary journal. Packed with thrilling fiction, introspective essays, and artful poetry, this issue is perfect company for an afternoon in the shade. Summer Reading 2015 features previously untranslated work from 2014 Nobel Prize winner Patrick Modiano on Paris and a timely essay from Lewis Hyde revisiting the 1964 murder of two young black men in Mississippi. In addition to these works by established authors, this issue also presents work from five New Voices in fiction, nonfiction, and poetry. Featuring fiction from: Jodi Angel, Smith Henderson, Greg Hrbek, Tara Ison, Patrick Modiano, Matthew Socia, and Sarah Elaine Smith Poetry by: Catherine Barnett, Cody Carvel, Diana M. Chien, Rita Gabis, Robert Duncan Gray, Kimiko Hahn, Ed Skoog, and Jenny Xie Nonfiction by: Mary Barnett, David Gessner, and Lewis Hyde Lost & Found: S. Shankar on Agnes Smedley, John Reed on André Gide, Jessica Handler on Berton Roueché, Jonathan Russell Clark on H.D., and Rachel Riederer on Barbara Grizzuti Harrison.

Whether you work full time or part time, in an office or from your home, or are a stay-at-home moms Chicken Soup for the Working Mom's Soul is for you.

Provides instructions for the planning of twelve different types of theme parties.

With this 3-book collection of American Girl Baking, American Girl Cooking, and American Girl Parties, learn how to whip up tasty treats for movie nights, picnics, fiestas, family dinners, and more! Filled with delicious snacks, main dishes, and desserts, you'll be on your way to becoming the best chef in town. A perfect cookbook set for the emerging chef (and American Girl fan) in your family. From tasty and nutritious snacks, soups, salads, main dishes, to desserts such as cakes, cupcakes, and cookies, the more than 120 recipes inspire chefs to make yummy treats for friends and family. This set not only helps young chefs and bakers develop their culinary skills with simple instructions, full-color photography, and guides to mastering basic kitchen skills, but creates experiences to last a lifetime. Guides to throwing parties, with eight different party themes included, keeps kids engaged from kitchen to table.

Open a cold one and get cooking! Showcasing the diverse ways that beer can be used to enhance a meal, either as an ingredient or by pairing, John Holl's collection of 155 tasty recipes are designed for the beer-loving foodie. From twists on traditional favorites like American Wheat Bear Steamed Clams to unexpected surprises like Chocolate Jefferson Stout Cupcakes, you'll soon be amazing your friends with the culinary versatility of your favorite beverage.

Make workplace conflict resolution a game that EVERYBODY wins! Recent studies show that typical managers devote more than a quarter of their time to resolving coworker disputes. The Big Book of Conflict-Resolution Games offers a wealth of activities and exercises for groups of any size that let you manage your business (instead of managing personalities). Part of the acclaimed, bestselling Big Books series, this guide offers step-by-step directions and customizable tools that empower you to heal rifts arising from ineffective communication, cultural/personality clashes, and other specific problem areas—before they affect your organization's bottom line. Let The Big Book of Conflict-Resolution Games help you to: Build trust Foster morale Improve processes Overcome diversity issues And more Dozens of physical and verbal activities help create a safe environment for teams to explore several common forms of conflict—and their resolution. Inexpensive, easy-to-implement, and proved effective at Fortune 500 corporations and mom-and-pop businesses alike, the exercises in The Big Book of Conflict-Resolution Games delivers everything you need to make your workplace more efficient, effective, and engaged.

Includes menus, recipes, invitations, decorations, and favors for a wide variety of parties.

Includes instructions for creating party fun for kids, covering such theme parties as carnival, bugs, aliens, and pirates, and provides ideas for slumber parties.

A title from the HANDY CRAFTS series which contains suggestions for a range of themed children's parties and covers invitations, decorations, games and party bags.

Ball is the thrilling and emotionally provocative debut collection of short fiction by the acclaimed author of the novels *Rockaway* and *A Child Out of Alcatraz* and the essay collection *Reeling through Life*. Ball explores the darker edges of love and sex and death, how they are intimately and often violently connected, with bright, vivid stories set mostly in contemporary Los Angeles. In "Cactus," a young girl comes to fear the outside world following the freakish, accidental death of her adventure-seeking, naturalist boyfriend in the California desert; in "Wig," a woman must help her best friend face life-threatening cancer while covering up an unseemly affair with her friend's husband; in "Fish," the narrator sits watch over a dying uncle, trying to pay for past sins while administering to his final needs, but distracted by the ravenous fish in the Koi pond near the hospital; and in the collection's stunning title story, the bonds of friendship and pet ownership collide in the most startling and unexpected ways. With a keen insight into the edges of human behavior and an assured literary hand, Ball is the new book by one of the West's most provocative stylists.

Presents instructions on the art of calligraphy, providing information the tools, materials, and techniques of the craft along with a collection of practice exercises.

Presents a comprehensive guide to maintaining and styling hair for girls, including guidelines for identifying hair type, instructions on hair maintenance and products, and tips for hair styles and cuts.

Offers suggestions for invitations, amusements, refreshments, and craft projects for fans of the "Littlest Pet Shop" collectible toys to throw a party, including a yoga party, a spa party, and a sleepover.

Where do I begin? That's the question we start with when thinking about throwing a party -- and for many of us, that's the question we end with, too. We may like the idea of entertaining friends and family in our home, but the details -- those how to's of planning the party, making the food, and playing hostess -- can quickly overwhelm us, prompting us to tuck away the idea, waiting for another, better time. But it doesn't have to be that way. With *The Art and Craft of Entertaining*, author Kimberly Kennedy provides all the information and inspiration you need to plan, organize, and carry out a successful no-stress event. Marry some of her ideas with your own, and you'll be on the way to developing your style, gaining confidence as a hostess and elsewhere in your life. Whether you're throwing a cocktail party, a baby shower, or an intimate dinner for two, *The Art and Craft of Entertaining* will take you there, step-by-step. Instructive and encouraging, this essential book lays the groundwork for entertaining with style, demonstrating how to craft a perfect invitation for any occasion, organize your supplies into versatile and efficient arsenals, and plan a satisfying meal without breaking your budget. *The Art and Craft of Entertaining* shows how to mix passion with planning so that you can throw the party of your dreams. Inspiration without intimidation. That's *The Art and Craft of Entertaining*.

Since the 1920s, Socialist and Communist parties in Europe and elsewhere have engaged in episodes of both rivalry and cooperation, with each seeking to dominate the European Left. *Enemy Brothers* analyzes how this relationship has developed over the past century, focusing on France, Italy, and Spain, where Socialists and Communists have been politically important. Drawing on fieldwork and interviews in all three nations, W. Rand Smith identifies the critical junctures that these parties faced and the strategic choices they made, especially regarding alliance partners. In explaining the parties' diverse alliance strategies, *Enemy Brothers* stresses the impact of institutional arrangements, party culture, and leadership.

This is the second book for J C Sum's "Unwritten: A Hands-off Book Test that Transcends Words." "Unwritten" is a professionally designed and produced book that allows you to bring the traditional book test beyond just words by incorporating visual drawings as the focus of the thoughts and revelations. It is perfect for performers looking to present a visual book test routine. The 260-page 5.5" x 8.5" book is in the form of an English language guide for travelers which gives motivation for the book content, layout and format. From a presentation point of view, the English language guide for travelers also allows for a variety of interesting introductory patter presentations. The nature of the book makes it perfect for shows for corporate events, travel fairs, tourist attractions, cruise ships, schools & libraries. The full "Unwritten" routine consists of two different basic effects. Effect 1 - Any Word Drawing A spectator opens the book to any page and chooses a word describing something that she can visualize in her mind. Without asking for the page number or any specifics of the word (such as the length of the word or the letters it contains), the performer correctly draws out the image that the spectator is visualizing. Effect 2 - Imagined Drawing Prediction A spectator opens the book to any page and mentally selects a word from the last line of a chosen paragraph. She makes a simple drawing that represents the word and then uses her imagination to add to the sketch to make it into a larger picture. A sealed envelope that has been in full view from the start of the show is opened to reveal a prediction drawing that correctly matches the spectator's imagined drawing! Note: Instead of a prediction, you can perform the effect as a drawing duplication. Both effects can be performed individually or together to form a complete routine. The routine can be performed in casual settings or close-up, parlour and large-scale stage shows. "Unwritten" includes the following features: - Can be Performed Completely Hands Free - The Book Can be Freely Examined During Performance - No Pumping for Page Numbers, Length of Word or Specific Letters - No Peeks - No Switches - No Pre-Show Work - No Sleight of Hand - No Memory Work or Cribs - No Assistants - Large Fonts Make the Text Easy to Read - Can Be Performed Stand-Alone or with Other Book Tests

What began as an Instagram hashtag and project collection (#CrafttheRainbow) that quickly went viral has become a showstopping book, offering a rainbow of completely new project ideas. Learn how to make playful party decorations, luscious flowers, amazing cards, and sophisticated wreaths, garlands, centerpieces, and more than you can imagine—all with nothing but the creative power of paper. Sought-after designer Brittany Watson Jepsen is known for the unusually imaginative and amazingly beautiful designs she creates for her website and host of clients (including Anthropologie). In *Craft the Rainbow*, Jepsen walks readers through the easy basics of transforming simple paper—including tissue, crepe, cardstock, leaves of books, and vintage and recycled paper—into vibrant, fanciful, handmade projects suitable for every occasion.

Everyone loves a tea party. Mix-and-match crockery, bone-handled knives, lace and linen, sweet peas and roses, home baking and a slug of gin in the tea cup - they're all back in vogue. Indoors by the fire in winter or outside in summer sunshine, hosts and guests can relax together with none of the formality of a dinner party. In *Vintage Tea Party*, Carolyn Caldicott shows readers how to recreate a world of nostalgic comfort, old-fashioned elegance and delicious treats. Try her recipes for cucumber sandwiches, Victoria sponge, rose petal jelly, strawberry and champagne jam, Earl Grey tea with gin and lemon, and much, much more.

Easy, Creative and Fun Things to Keep Your Children Entertained and Happy Never again will you hear the all-too-common call of, "I'm bored!" with this kid-pleaser for many ages. Whether your kid is 3, 5 or 12 years old, there are hundreds of fun, educational and engaging things to do in this book. When they ask to watch television, you'll have the perfect solution. *101 Kids Activities That Are the Bestest, Funnest Ever!* has time-tested, exciting activities to keep your children laughing and learning for the whole day, every day. Holly Homer and Rachel Miller are the women behind the wildly popular site *KidsActivitiesBlog.com*, which gets more than 2 million hits a month and has more than 71,000 fans on Facebook and 100,000 followers on Pinterest. One-of-a-kind activities--never before seen on the

blog--range from making edible play dough and homemade sidewalk chalk to playing shoebox pinball and creating a balance beam obstacle course. And with outdoor and indoor activities and tips for adjusting according to your child's age, this book will provide hours and hours of never-ending fun with your family. This parenting life raft is also the perfect way to make sure caregivers are spending quality-time with your little ones.

Bring your Halloween party theme to life with these quick tips and tricks! Pumpkins and Party Themes features ten unique party themes with five do-it-yourself pumpkin designs for each theme. The pumpkin projects have a variety of decorating ideas that include carving, painting, and mixed media craftiness and easy-to-follow steps on each creation. Author Roxanne Rhoads also includes quick ideas on how to bring the theme to life through décor, costumes, and activities. These fun party themes range from gothic elegance to Edgar Allan Poe, under the sea, let's get literary, and more! With beautiful full-color images to illustrate the tools needed, steps to follow, and final products, this book makes for the perfect gift for Halloween enthusiasts and party hosts alike!

In Paper Parties, designer-maker Erin has carefully curated over 50 paper projects for chic, fabulous celebrations that will delight and inspire anyone who loves to make playful and beautiful things. Paper Parties was born out of Erin Hung's love affair with paper as a medium and her passion for celebrations that are bursting with fun. Gone are the days when papercrafts conjure up images of shabby-chic scrapbooks and heaps of unnecessary embellishment. Erin proves that these projects can be modern, stunning and relevant, through a unique format that combines the beauty of an inspirational, illustrated coffee table book, with the simplicity of a practical craft manual. Whether you fancy sending a Secret Love Message, want to dazzle and delight guests with a 3D Gem Stone place name and Flower Bomb confetti piñata, or celebrate the passing seasons with an Origami Advent Calendar, there is something to create and celebrate for every occasion.

Provides instructions for making party invitations, favors, and decorations using common household items, and suggests party themes.

Dial up the festivities—from Valentine's Day to Halloween, summer barbecues to sleepovers—with recipes, party themes, and craft and decorating ideas. In this third cookbook from Williams Sonoma and American Girl, aspiring chefs will discover bite-sized delicacies like chocolate-dipped strawberries and butterfly-shaped cheese sandwiches, along with fare such as chicken-apple sausages on a stick, baked sweet potato fries, and caramel-dipped apple slices for holidays like 4th of July and Halloween, paired with clever serving ideas, fun theme-driven crafts, and colorful party favors. Sweet treats include s'mores ice cream sundaes, raspberry jam sandwich heart cookies, cinnamon-sugar monkey bread, peppermint brownie bites, hot chocolate cookies. Savory dishes features mac & cheese cups, grilled cheese hearts with tomato-star orzo soup, bite-sized broccoli-cheddar quiches, mini corn on the cob with lime butter, biscuit-wrapped veggie hot dog "mummies." Refreshing drinks such as melon-mint agua fresca, spooky smoothies, milkshakes, and fruity "tea" will wet your whistle. The delicious recipes, fun ideas, and colorful images in American Girl Parties will captivate young cooks and can be made with everyday cookware and kitchen utensils; this companion title to American Girl Baking and American Girl Cooking will be a go-to resource for your little chef.

The specter of polygamy haunts Mormonism. More than a century after the practice was banned, it casts a long shadow that obscures people's perceptions of the lives of today's Latter-day Saint women. Many still see them as second-class citizens, oppressed by the church and their husbands, and forced to stay home and take care of their many children. Sister Saints offers a history of modern Mormon women that takes aim at these stereotypes, showing that their stories are much more complex than previously thought. Women in the Utah territory received the right to vote in 1870-fifty years before the nineteenth amendment-only to have it taken away by the same federal legislation that forced the end of polygamy. Progressive and politically active, Mormon women had a profound impact on public life in the first few decades of the twentieth century. They then turned inward, creating a domestic ideal that shaped Mormon culture for generations. The women's movement of the 1970s sparked a new, vigorous-and hotly contested-Mormon feminism that divided Latter-day Saint women. By the twenty-first century more than half of all Mormons lived outside the United States, and what had once been a small community of pioneer women had grown into a diverse global sisterhood. Colleen McDannell argues that we are on the verge of an era in which women are likely to play a greater role in the Mormon church. Well-educated, outspoken, and deeply committed to their faith, these women are defying labels like liberal and conservative, traditional and modern. This deeply researched and eye-opening book ranges over more than a century of history to tell the stories of extraordinary-and ordinary-Latter-day Saint women with empathy and narrative flair.

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After her brilliant run on Broadway and surviving the harsh concrete jungle of New York City, seventeen-year-old Hollywood "It Girl" Kaitlin Burke is back in LA starring in a sitcom with her former-nemesis-now-BFF, Sky. The show is a huge success! In fact, maybe a little too huge, Kaitlin realizes, after a bad run-in with aggressive paparazzi that puts her boyfriend Austin in danger. Once again, she wishes that she could have a normal life. But what Kaitlin doesn't realize is that her Hollywood life has had a positive influence on just about everyone she loves, and it takes a minor car accident and a nasty concussion to truly grasp how lucky she is. In Jen Calonita's sixth and final Secrets of My Hollywood Life novel, Kaitlin learns at last about the price of fame, the unending upside of friendship, and that there really is no place like home - even if it's Tinseltown.

Shocked and utterly distraught by the news of his cousin's suicide, Grove Mathews leaves his Georgetown apartment in the middle of a 1972 summer night to drive to the family homestead in Orange, Virginia. Throughout the trip he is haunted with memories evoked by road signs. By the time he arrives, he has learned things about himself and his family that disgust him. And he has discovered that he always knew these things, but he hid and ran from them, resulting in a withdrawn and non-committal man that he is no longer willing to tolerate. When he arrives at the homestead he is ready to deal with it. And he does.

The magazine that helps career moms balance their personal and professional lives.

A collection of activities for children includes instructions for host of crafts, games, and activities using household items, exploring nature, and enjoying ordinary places around town. Reprint.

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