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Veranda Entertaining



Synopsis

The art and allure of elegant entertaining, from VERANDA. From a festive alfresco gathering to a fun pool party to an extravaganza in an exotic locale, Veranda's stunning new book shows you how to give your guests the time of their lives. It's the ultimate inspirational guide to throwing a sophisticated and stylish soiree, big or small, inside or out. You'll find imaginative ideas for creating alluring ambiance, choosing an eye-catching centerpiece, selecting just the right appetizers and cocktails, and achieving that elusive "X-Factor" that makes your event stand out. Veranda Elegant Entertaining provides the perfect juxtaposition of engaging advice and gorgeous photographs to plan your own celebration—no matter whether it's a brunch, afternoon tea, Sunday supper, benefit gala, or any special occasion at all! 

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Customer Reviews

Clinton Smith is the Editor in Chief of Veranda, the celebrated interiors and lifestyle magazine. He is an award-winning journalist who has been covering the fields of interior design, style, architecture, travel, and other luxury lifestyle topics for almost two decades. During his time at Veranda, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2017, the magazine has become the ultimate sourcebook for those on a quest for the very best.

I pre-ordered this book a while ago and received it today. The cover is so pretty and just as shown on . The book contents however are proof or a reminder that you shouldn't judge a book by it's cover. Plenty of pretty pictures, but you won't find detailed information on putting together an event, recipes, or decorating. Each section has a paragraph giving an ideal sentiment for different stages of your soiree, such as: "The perfect dinner party always includes friends old and new as well as colleagues from diverse fields of interest and expertise." "Don't suppose everyone can just take care of himself or herself- check back in at some point during cocktails and during dinner conversation." Certainly not bad advice, but if you're planning to entertain on the level presented in the photographs and aren't already familiar with etiquette, you'll need to buy another book to explain it to you and another to show you how to do it. I expected more from Veranda. The magazine is beautifully put together and contains well written, interesting articles. The book however, is printed on thick paper, but the quality of the print and photos is off, slightly blurry, I can't quite put my finger on it. Now I have to put it away because my eyes have begun to water from the printing fumes.

Beautiful table settings in a wide variety of backdrops. Clear, bright, photos on quality paper. I might buy a second book to give as a gift.

A beautiful, instant classic and staple reference for anyone who enjoys china, silver and setting the table. A must for modern party mavens of all ages. Much more than a lovely coffee table book, but an A to Z primer on elegant, thoughtful party planning of any scale. My newest favorite read. It truly makes you want to throw a party and pull out all your treasures! Sheer delight.

Beautiful photographs!! I love it!!

Silly. Insipid. Vacuous. Frivolous. Useless. The photography isn't even very informative. I was hoping, since the text leaves so little to be desired, that the photos would inspire useful ideas, but unless you own a palatial estate, probably not. It's mostly pictures of lovely, (old school) ostentatious table scapes. There is no real substantive information one could actually use to entertain, just platitudes and generalities. "Mastering the art of the perfect place setting is about celebrating its imperfections." Or, "being a great entertainer and host is about having a well-stocked pantry and a bar at the ready. Being able to call upon a cadre of recipes that you can prepare in a flash will make everything much easier and less daunting." Gee, that's helpful!! I was significantly underwhelmed by this book.

Disappointed in the content of the book. It is just a compilation of photographs from the magazine with very little innovative material.

I collect Interior Design and Decorating monographs books with the best of them. I have over 40 books from the top Interior Designers in the USA and Abroad. My ideal of fun is going on a mansion or historical home tour. I subscribe to Veranda, House Beautiful, and Architectural Digest. I love decorating my home, but wanted a book to ensure that I was being the best hostess. Veranda Entertainment is one of the best and most detailed monographs that I have found. It gives everyone from the home hostess to someone interested in something larger an expert ideal on what works and what does not. This was one of the most worthwhile use of \$25.00 dollars that I have spent in a longtime.

Such a wonderful book for entertaining. I love the pictures. Well written

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