

Synopsis

This faithful reproduction of Betty Crocker's Party Book will be a treat for anyone who lived through the 1960s--or wished they had! Packed with practical advice, classic recipes, color photographs, and whimsical illustrations, it reveals secrets of great parties back in the era of Leave It to Beaver, most of which are still applicable today. Readers will find detailed plans for more than 30 different parties, including themed birthday celebrations (such as a Space-Age Adventure Party and Cinderella Party), holiday get-togethers (for Christmas, Halloween, and more), and wedding-related events (like a Bridal Shower and an Anniversary Party). The accompanying recipes--including Blueberry Coffee Cake, Pineapple Chicken, Brownie S'Mores, and Easter Bunny Cake--are as tasty today as they were back in the sixties. Complete with craft ideas (such as how to make a gilded fruit centerpiece) and entertaining advice ("What Makes a Hostess Famous?"), this facsimile edition is a charming snapshot of life in a more innocent era--and a perfect gift.

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Customer Reviews

"...a treat for anyone who lived through the 1960s - or wishes they had! Packed with practical advice, classic recipes". (Somerset Magazine, March 2009)

I am a 66 yr old grandmother who has an 8 yr old granddaughter who found my cookbook like this that I have had since 1960, when I was 10. My mother and I sent in a label and a small amount of money to Betty Crocker and in a few weeks, I received this treasure in the mail. I loved cooking and this little cookbook has such creative cake ideas and other delights. I was delighted to share my old,

loose page edition with my granddaughter. We decided to see if it was still in print and we were thrilled to find it on. I ordered 3. I am so happy that we found it still available and that my sweet granddaughter shares my love of cooking. When she comes over I have her apron ready and we spend time cooking!

Betty Crocker's Party Book which was first published in 1960 is like taking a peek back in time. Yes, some of the recipes may need a bit of adapting (who has seen a box of Betty Crocker Orange Chiffon cake mix lately?) but most of the recipes are doable. In the case of the Orange Chiffon Cake mix, make your own from scratch cake and add the ingredients called for in the recipe. In this case the Orange Chiffon cake mix was needed for the Yuletide Chiffon cake recipe on page 133. In this recipe you could add the candied fruit and chopped nuts to your homemade chiffon cake recipe for example. The cookbook comes with menu ideas. Below is a sample menu for a Christmas dinner: Chicken for Christmas Dinner, California Cream Soup, Roast Stuffed Capon or Chicken, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Warm Spiced Crab Apples ringed with Broccoli Spears, Gourmet Tossed Green Salad, Parkerhouse Rolls, Sparkling Cranberry Sherbet, Yuletide Chiffon Cake~~~~~Valentine's Day, A Valentine Buffet Supper, Lobster Newburg in Heart Croustades, Baked Canadian Ham, Buttered Peas with Mushrooms, Pink Grapefruit-Avocado Salad, Hot Rolls, Heart-Shaped White Coconut Cake~~~~~Space Age Adventure Party (for boys 10 to 13 years old), Sputnik Cheeseburgers, Satellite Tomatoes, Rocket Cake, Saturn Sodas. Directions are given on how to plan and create a space age themed party including invitations, games, table settings and favors for this party. Recipes are included for each party or event. Party themes and ideas are given for all ages and include how to create the invitations, games, table settings and favors for each party. For some of the party ideas sewing or craft instructions are given to create a special costume or party decoration. Overall, this book has plenty of good entertaining ideas that still work today. The book goes into detail about how to organize and implement different types of parties. It will tell the host or hostess how and when to send the invitations and the types of foods to select. Finally, if you truly desire to try a retro party this book will give you all the details. Highly recommend.

I inherited my mom's party book and then passed it on to my daughter. I was thrilled when I found this to purchase! It's the same as the original! I ordered a used one. It was in good condition with minimal wear. Brings back lots of memories! I would highly recommend.

This isn't really what I expected. I was looking for a 1950's party theme ideas but most of these

ideas are for children's parties that might have been thrown back in the 50s-60s. It's not a good resource for children's party ideas today unless they are very very young. It's also a very limited resource for adult parties although I did find a few recipes that I could use. It's a nice retro party book if that is what you want -- mostly for the fun of reading rather than any other practical use. I did enjoy the read.

I think I made just about every cake featured in this book. I gave my original book to one of my daughters-in-law two years ago and bought this one for my new daughter-in-law for Christmas. It was fun going back in time and thinking of all the simple, wonderful things we made for our families and children.

A co-worker asked for a vintage Betty Crocker's Party Book. When I saw I had one I was so glad and had to order one right away. Upon receiving it my two daughters and I looked at the book and said, this is a perfect gift.

I enjoy reading reprints of old cookbooks. While not all of the recipes can be made as published (due to difference in food safety standards), it is fascinating to look back at the past.

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