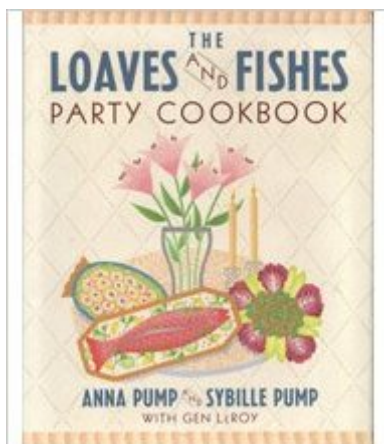


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The Loaves And Fishes Party Cookbook



Synopsis

Anna Pump and her daughter, Sybille Pump, combine kitchen artistry and sound advice in perfect proportion, leaving readers happy relaxed, and full of eager anticipation for the meals. In **THE LOAVES AND FISHES PARTY COOKBOOK**, the Pumps have created menus that stress fresh ingredients in creative combinations, simply and quickly prepared. The Pumps thirty-five menus (and more than two hundred mouth-watering recipes) cover every occasion from a small patio luncheon to a children's birthday party to a formal sit-down wedding reception. The menus are organized by season, to best take advantage of fresh produce and to highlight appropriate seasonal styles of entertaining. A hot summer day calls out for "lunch under a shady tree, picnic style, with a pretty patchwork cloth as a table" and a menu featuring Chilled Carrot Soup, Lemon-Basil Chicken Salad and a refreshing dessert of Frozen Peach yogurt. In winter, a party of cold ice skaters are well warmed by Hot Spiced Wine and a hearty Lamb, Onion, and Butternut Squash Stew. The authors offer solid counsel on how to arrange a celebratory meal or a modest picnic, based on years of their own catering experience. With interesting and innovative recipes, well-balanced menus, and myriad useful, time-saving hints, **THE LOAVES AND FISHES PARTY COOKBOOK** is the ideal guide and inspiration for the many people who wish to entertain stylishly and well. Anna Pump says there are only a few rules for giving a successful party: "Create an atmosphere you want, do everything as best you can, and once the party begins, if something goes wrong, carry on. Chances are no one but you will even notice. And have fun!"

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Customer Reviews

The Pumps (mother and daughter) run a gourmet shop/catering business on Long Island; this successor to Anna Pump's *The Loaves and Fishes Cookbook* (Macmillan, 1987) offers seasonal menus for special occasions, with advice on party planning and advance preparation. The recipes are fine, but there are already a lot of good books of this type, such as Susan Wyler's *Cooking for a Crowd* (LJ 4/15/88) and Moira Hodgson's *Keeping Company* (LJ 9/15/88). Still, the popularity of Anna Pump's earlier *Loaves and Fishes Cookbook* is likely to ensure some demand. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Designed perfectly into season and parties.....can't wait for a summer bash in the backyard! I have all of Anna Pump's books now!

Great cookbook

I love Anna Pump and her simple, elegant food. There are no exotic, hard to find (harder to finish) ingredients here. The recipes in this book will inspire you to head into the kitchen and perhaps even to host a party just to show off a new favorite recipe. This is a beautiful hardcover cookbook with clear recipe layouts and easy to follow instructions. But, like her earlier *The Loaves and Fishes Cookbook*, it does not have any pictures. I am not a fan of "party" cookbooks-- instead of organizing the recipes by meat, fish, dessert, etc., this cookbook is organized by season (The Glories of Spring, The Best of Summer, Autumn's Harvest, and The Glow of Winter) and from there in to different party menus (Spring Dinner for Twelve, Fourth of July Celebration for Sixteen, Lunch on a Cold Fall Day for Eight, Holiday Buffet for Thirty, etc.). Her Easter Dinner Menu calls for Red Pepper Soup with Garlic Croutons, Broiled Lamb Chops with Mint Hollandaise, Asparagus Roasted in Olive Oil, Rosti, Lemon Mousse, and Chocolate Madeleines. I would highly recommend this cookbook.

purchased this as a gift for a friend; it has a lot of great recipes in here and would recommend.

Being a Barefoot Contessa fan, I thought I would like Anna Pump's recipes here as well. I did not. This was a big disappointment.

In my opinion this is a highly under rated Anna Pump cookbook. If you have cooked Ina Garten very much you can see where some of her food pairings come from. Anna and Sybille (Anna's daughter) have a wonderful variety of menus for large and small gatherings and include some unique recipes.

There are suggestions on food procedures you can do a day or two ahead of time and also how you can use extra ingredients in another recipe. Quantities for the menus are geared for a certain number e.g. "Summer Dinner for 12", "Wedding Party for 40", "Sunday Brunch for 6". I have all of Anna Pump's cookbooks and I have to admit that there are certain recipes in this Party cookbook that I prefer more than the Loaves and Fishes. The menus are organized by season and take advantage of fresh produce and seasonal entertaining. The biggest drawback of the cook book is the menus include entrees popular in the Northeast (lobster strudels , duck pie, clam fritters) but with ingredients that are more easily found these days in all of our supermarkets if you wanted to splurge.....The vast majority of the recipes in this book are wonderful and most are one page long. I haven't made a single flop. But the best news is this Anna Pump book can still be purchased at a reasonable price. Printed in 1990, used copies seem to be readily available. If you get a chance to snap one up and you are a "foodie", I promise you won't be disappointed.

Every recipe I have made from this book over the many years I have owned it, has been a success! I have heard comparisons to Ina Garten and I know they are friends, but they are somewhat different. Judge them on their own merits. There are recipes in here that I go to time and time again and they never fail me. You will not be disappointed with any of Anna's books.

Anna and Sybille Pump have created an exceptional cookbook. Recipes are as simple as they can be still delivering extraordinary results. These recipes are innovative, unfussy, and tested in a commercial kitchen that has no time to waste. Dishes present very well and the flavors in each carefully crafted recipe are clear, sufficiently complex without being at all muddled. This is one of my very favorite cookbooks, reflecting as it does skills well honed.

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