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The Picnic: Recipes And Inspiration From Basket To Blanket



Synopsis

Winner, IACP Cookbook Award A picnic is a great escape from our day-to-day and a chance to turn a meal into something more festive and memorable. The Picnic shares everything you need to plan an effortless outdoor get-together: no-fail recipes, helpful checklists, and expert advice. With variations on everyone's favorite deviled eggs, 99 uses for a Mason jar (think cocktail shaker, firefly catcher, or cookie jar), rules for scoring lawn games, and refreshing drinks to mix up in crowd-friendly batches, let The Picnic take the stress out of your next party and leave only the fun.

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Customer Reviews

Everyone likes a picnic, but for those who haven't prepared lots of them, it's important to have a primer with enough information to plan things perfectly. The Picnic: Recipes and Inspiration from Basket to Blanket isn't just a book of good recipes to take on a picnic; rather, it's a great textbook with information on planning, finding a perfect site, the right type of blanket to use, containers to store the food, tools needed, and even a definitive packing list. Tips about food safety and even how to dress for a picnic are also included. As far as recipes go, there are over a dozen variations on the deviled egg – a must-have for most typical picnics, and numerous recipes for salads (including several to be served on a stick), beverages, appetizers, mains such as a muffuletta sandwich, quiche, roasted tea-brined chicken, poached salmon, roasted meats, and even Coronation chicken (a popular British dish adapted from the Coronation chicken served at the Queen's coronation) in lettuce cups. The desserts are a bit more exciting than brownies,

cookies, and sheet cakes with a plastic lid: rhubarb pavlovas, hazelnut cupcakes, several parfaits in jars, and a few fancy cookies. The authors have also added suggested menus that sound so good, readers will find themselves planning a picnic every week. Even though there are recipes for typical picnic dishes, most of the recipes are innovative, interesting, and of course (at least the ones I tried) delicious. The instructions are easy to follow and the recipes turn out exactly as described. Some of the recipes are geared for more experienced cooks, but there are enough easy recipes, that this book is also good for beginners.

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