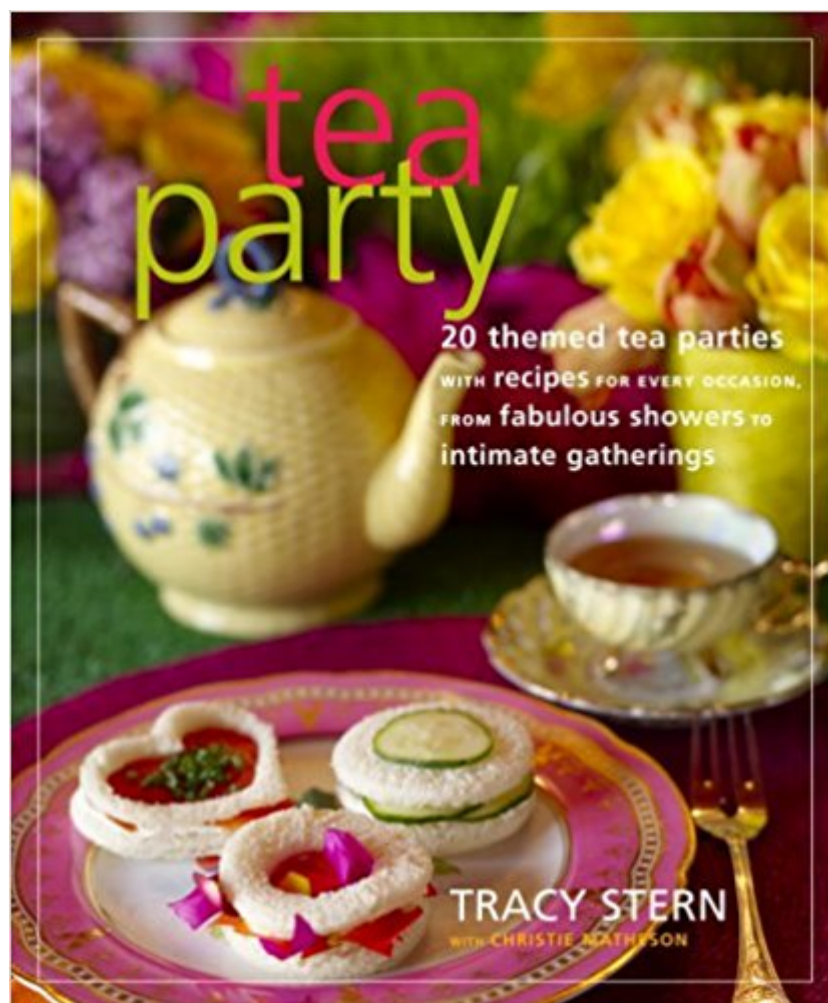




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# Tea Party: 20 Themed Tea Parties With Recipes For Every Occasion, From Fabulous Showers To Intimate Gatherings



## Synopsis

Enjoy life. Drink tea. Celebrate often. Tracy Stern is passionate about tea. She has created wildly popular lines of teas and tea-based beauty products and has hosted hundreds of stylish tea parties to celebrate all sorts of occasions. She has introduced a new generation to the pleasures of tea without any of its traditional stuffiness. In *Tea Party*, she encourages everyone to make their next gathering that much more special by incorporating tea into the menu. Starting with tips on choosing and brewing teas—from white and green teas to herbal rooibos and different black teas—*Tea Party* then shares more than seventy-five recipes, both savory and sweet, as part of twenty themed tea parties. Stern features classic tea accompaniments such as Scones with Clotted Cream and Cucumber-Mint Tea Sandwiches as well as novel recipes that use flavorful and healthful tea as an ingredient, including Homemade Potato Fries with Ceylon Tea Salt and Tea-Scented Chocolate Truffles. Above all, the focus is on fun, not fuss. The party suggestions are perfect for afternoons with friends, bridal and baby showers, cocktail and dinner parties, picnics, and brunches. A Mad Hatter's Tea Party for a birthday or an unbirthday will delight kids and adults alike with tea sandwiches made with edible flowers followed by Eat Me! Cupcakes. Chai Breakfast Tea reveals a fantastic recipe for the sweetly spiced irresistible drink along with recipes for chai-scented pancakes and candied almonds. Ideas and inspirations abound for fabulous, easy, and affordable invitations, decorations, table settings, and charming party favors that tie into each party's theme. Featuring beautiful color photography throughout, *Tea Party* is a hip, up-to-date slant on a beloved tradition, inspiring everyone to drink a little more tea, celebrate a little more often, and enjoy life a whole lot more.

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## Customer Reviews

“Tracy Stern’s inimitable style and grace are apparent in every page of this book. She has given a modern and distinctive twist to the art of the tea party.”

—Françoise Payard, chef-owner, Payard Pâtisserie and Bistro  
“I had the privilege to be invited by Tracy for afternoon tea and was fascinated by her knowledge of and passion for the subject. I love this book because it lets you bring all of that knowledge and passion into your own home with wonderful teatime menus of sweet and savory

delights.”  
—Daniel Boulud, chef-restaurateur  
“High tea has been high fashion since the delicate damsels of the dix-huitième-century dressed up to drink the delicious brew.

Leave it to the very stylish Tracy Stern to revive and re-dress that most civilized

pastime.”  
—Iris Barrel Apfel, style iconoclast  
“Tea Party offers fun, delicious ideas for every possible occasion. With great tips and tricks, Tracy knows how to turn a simple tea party into a fabulous event. Readers will love her advice, her tone, and the

results!”  
—Jane Buckingham, author of *The Modern Girl’s Guide to Life* and *The Modern Girl’s Guide to Motherhood*  
“Tea Party is an incomparable celebration of surprising delights. From patio to dining room, my friend Tracy divinely weaves a tapestry of grace and fun. The ancients called tea one of the seven necessities to begin the day.

This book is the eighth.”  
—Stuart Avery Gold, former COO of The Republic of Tea and author of *Ping: A Frog in Search of a New Pond*  
“The luxury of afternoon tea is one of life’s great pleasures. Who better than Tracy Stern to reinvent an afternoon ritual and take an eighteenth-century tradition to new heights; from classic to Moroccan, this book covers it

all!”  
—Colin Cowie, author of *Colin Cowie’s Extraordinary Weddings*

Tracy Stern is the creator of the popular Salontea and Beautea product lines, which are sold at specialty shops and boutiques around the world and on her website, [www.tracystern.com](http://www.tracystern.com). She hosts a tea salon in Manhattan and organizes bridal showers, banquets, and themed parties around the country. Stern and her products have appeared on numerous national television programs as well as in publications such as *O Magazine*, *People*, *Harper’s Bazaar*, and the *New York Times*. She lives in New York City with her husband and their two children. Christie Matheson is a food and lifestyle writer whose work has appeared in *Glamour*, *Shape*, *Yoga Journal*, *Cooking Light*,

Boston Magazine, and The Boston Globe Magazine. She is the coauthor of Vineyard Harvest and Confetti Cakes.

Was disappointed with the content of the book. However, the book itself, though used, was in pristine shape. I just wish the author had done a better job with the material.

Probably the best part of this book is the themed party ideas - colors, decorating ideas, linens, things like that. Lots of cocktails, lots of bought food, menus include the same recipe items over and over again throughout the book, so there are very few recipes - and they are all very common. Some chapters are merely a list of things to buy at a store, no recipes at all. If you cook or want a variety of foods, I don't recommend this book.

I love the idea of tea parties! I have no time for them currently, but in just a few short years, I am having them regularly! This book is a great start to planning them and has wonderful recipes and party ideas!

This book had a lot of information that is useful but this book leaves much to be desired. All information can be obtained from other sources. The chapter in a Mad Hatter tea party (which I had and wanted the book for) had really nothing to share in my opinion. Rent it at the library and save your money. I gave it 4 stars because of the colorful pictures. I would not recommend.

I just can't say enough about this book. It's a wonderful reference for anyone wanting to have "real" tea parties. It is full of recipes, tips and tons of information about tea parties. The author is obviously very passionate and well educated about her subject.

Lovely book for tea party lovers of all ages.

I first saw this book in a hotel gift shop that is famous for its Victorian themes and high tea. I did not purchase then and was thrilled to find it on ! I bought one as a gift also. Great recipes and ideas!

Pleased with purchase.

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