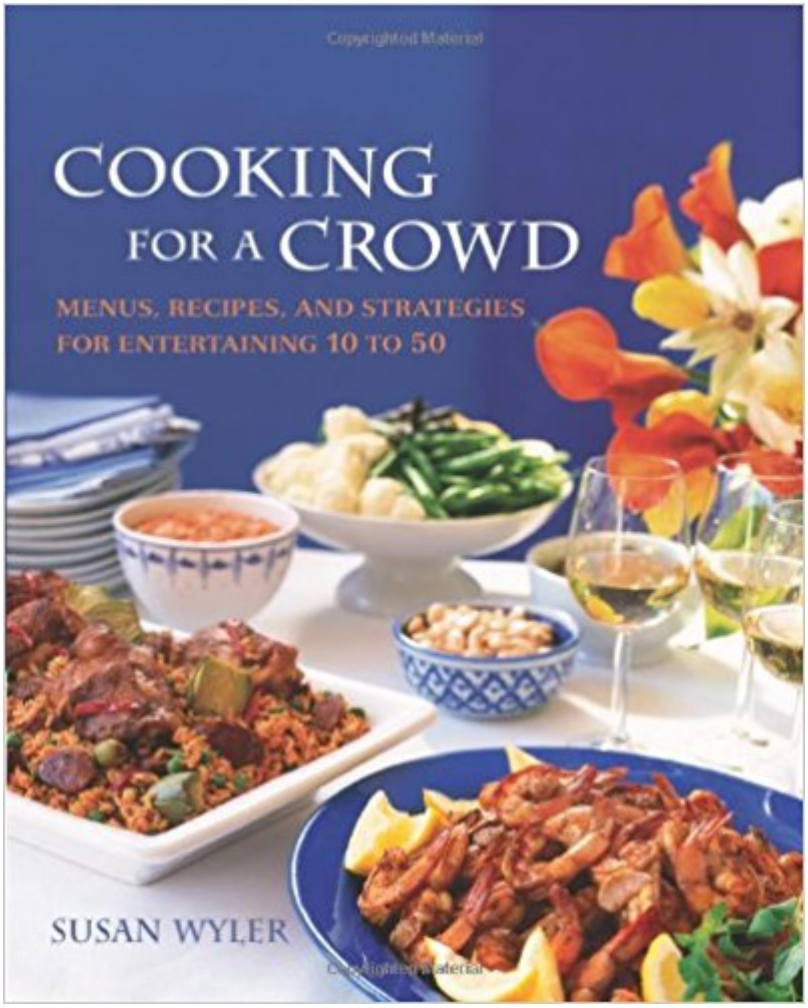
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Cooking For A Crowd: Menus, Recipes, And Strategies For Entertaining 10 To 50



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Synopsis

Susan Wyler’s indispensable classic is back in print-now better than ever, with more than a dozen new menus, over 70 new recipes, and a wealth of updated strategiesThe original edition of Cooking for a Crowd won great praise all around: Florence Fabricant named it one of the New York Times best books of the season. Perla Meyers, author of How to Peel a Peach, advised, "Keep this book as a reference whenever you are entertaining." And Rose Levy Berenbaum, author of The Cake Bible, declared, "She puts together the components of a dinner with the passion, perfection, and ease of a master painter. The game plans . . . enable any cook to impress without risk."This new edition builds on the premise of the original-that many a home cook can manage the occasional dinner party for 4 to 6, but when it comes to entertaining a crowd of 10 or more, the logistics become exponentially more complicated. Wyler’s ingeniously user-friendly combination of creative menus, do-ahead game plans, and crowd-pleasing recipes makes it possible for any home cook to entertain on a large scale.Wyler has expanded the volume to include over 225 recipes and 35 menus for a variety of sizes and occasions-such as Tuscan Lunch for 12 to 16, Black and Orange Halloween Party for 24, even a Wedding Supper for 50.A perfect balance of inspiring and instructive, Cooking for a Crowd is a must-have for all home cooks who want to bring large groups of family and friends together at the table.

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Customer Reviews

When a cook has a swarm of eaters to satisfy, it’s more important than ever to stay organized. That is why Wyler goes beyond simply inventorying recipes. With each menu, she provides a time line to

get the cook focused to avoid last-minute surprises. Her menus and recipe suggestions reflect simple and unpretentious foods that emphasize flavor. She leans heavily on currently popular Mexican and Italian cuisines, but she doesn't neglect Indian and Moroccan traditions. She even has a Passover seder to feed a large extended family. Wyler eschews all manner of processed foods, presenting recipes calling for fresh ingredients. But she avoids anything so exotic it might put off the fussy eater. Wyler appreciates outdoor parties, offering menus for several kinds of barbecues, including an extravaganza of pulled pork with all the trimmings. There are several Thanksgiving dinners, one featuring roast goose. She also presents brunch ideas and offers plans for wedding showers and similar celebrations. Anyone faced with feeding a crowd will find many worthwhile resources here. Mark KnoblauchCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved

SUSAN WYLER was food editor of Food & Wine magazine for 10 years. She is a widely published food writer and an IACP- and James Beard Award-nominated cookbook author whose other popular titles include Simply Stews, Tailgate Parties, and Cooking from a Country Farmhouse. Wyler lives in rural Pennsylvania.

Haven't made any of the recipes yet; just noting that the menus include many choices that are just, well, 'fancier' than I was looking for. I had in mind large scale recipes for more everyday, hearty type foods. I'm not in the habit of giving elegant dinner parties, so that's just me. Also, I don't own or have access to a large grill, and several menus involve grilling large cuts or portions (like 4 whole chickens) of meat. Some of the recipes look tasty and useful, though, and undoubtedly the tips on organization and what order in which to prepare things, what you can make ahead, will be instructive.

This book was exactly what I have been looking for. Unlike most "crowd" cookbooks, it features menus and recipes above and beyond the usual bland church-supper kinds of meals. This is perfect for large family gatherings and dinner parties as well.

This book has some really spectacular recipes and great entertaining menus and ideas; I can see many family and friends get-togethers or other parties in my future and I'll certainly use this book. However, I generally plan menus and cook for a crowd in a church setting -- families, students, elderly members, and occasionally, homeless people who are in our inner city neighborhood. Our ability to "stay in business" means we can't afford to buy the types of ingredients many of these

recipes require or cook foods that might not have the kind of appeal that personally invited guests would appreciate. More importantly, a lot of the recipes probably take way too much time for volunteers with limited interest and/or ability to prepare. So while it probably won't be much help to me in my volunteer position, I believe I'll use it for personal entertainment purposes and that's why I'm going to add it to my cook book library!

I am a long time fan of this book--it was given to me as a gift when it was first published in 1988. Not only are the recipes wonderful--the "training" Susan Wyler gives in the art of preparation and delivery of simple yet elegant dinners is invaluable. I was thrilled to see this reintroduction of the book, and immediately bought a copy for each of my daughters who are now grown with homes of their own! I can't say enough about how grateful I am that this book has graced my kitchen.

This is a cookbook where the directions are clear, the results sophisticated and delicious and the cook still able to enjoy the party when the festivities begin. Whether the crowd in question fits around the dining room table or spreads out to the backyard patio, the menu suggestions in COOKING FOR A CROWD are imaginative, mouth-watering and fail-proof. This is the kind of cookbook written by someone you wish would invite you over to her own home. Or someone you could---with the help of this book---happily entertain at yours!

It's hard to find cookbooks with good ideas for cooking for large groups. I cook a Christmas banquet every year for about 250 people, and I'm always looking for recipes that I can use. . .and good ideas for prepping some parts ahead of time. This book has some good recipes (not all appropriate for my banquet, but certainly interesting recipes), and I appreciate the tips for what can be made days or even a month ahead. I'd like to see a Volume 2 of this book with even more recipes!

Great menu ideas, good recipes.This cookbook is a gem! A lot of quantity-cooking cookbooks have recipes for things like slop and canned-cream-of-whatever-soup special. This book has simple, classy recipes along with strategies for serving a crowd of people.All of the recipes I have tried from this book have been great. Once you see her proportions and suggested quantities, it is also easy to scale other favorite recipes to serve a larger group of people.This contains recipes and menus for different-sized crowds and for different occasions (from elegent dinners to picnics).Excellent resource. Highly recommended.

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