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A Perfect Event: A Perfect Event: Inspired, Easy Elegance For Every Occasion_grocery To Gorgeous Recipes, Stylist Secrets, And Affordable DIYs.



Synopsis

Step inside and join author and celebrity party-planner Debi Lilly inside her favorite parties-from east coast to west coast, and from celebrity clients to the girl next door. In her little black book of party planning tips, tricks, and stylist secrets, she shares all of her favorite shortcuts, DIY party ideas and food stylings. These grocery-to-gorgeous chef-inspired recipes are plucked straight from every single party menu. In *A Perfect Event*, Debi shares her secrets to easy, elevated, inspired and affordable celebrations-regardless of your budget. And once you try them, you will be hooked, and you will learn to make memories with friends and family for any occasion. A remarkable talent, Lilly is committed to the personalization of every event and prides herself on being involved in all aspects of her events, from custom invitations and floral design to the gifts and photography. In addition to her business acumen, she deftly balances a demanding career and a growing family. Known and recognized as a premier event and wedding planner, she continually serves as an industry expert for such publications as *InStyle* magazine, *Martha Stewart Weddings*, *Bride's*, *Modern Bride*, *Bridal Guide*, and *The Groom's Guide*. She has appeared numerous times on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *ABC 7 News Chicago*. Founded in 1996, her company designs events, flowers and invitations for several high-profile clients and companies including Oprah Winfrey, Brooke Shields, Debra Messing, Cartier, Leo Burnett, Starcom, McDonald's and The Symphony Orchestra, among others.

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Customer Reviews

I am a huge fan and follower of Debi Lilly's blog, so I was absolutely thrilled to find out a book was

coming out. I enjoyed it so much I bought 4 to give out as hostess gifts, which I'll add, I get endless compliments on. BONUS! I really enjoyed the way Debi tells a story. The clever names she comes up with and how she styles a party. The beautiful floral; elegant dinner parties; great sketches; and the recipes come with pictures (that's a + in my book). The DIY sections are not intimidating either. This book is easy to follow with gorgeous eye candy. You will be inspired every time you open it. Hopefully you will be inspired to throw your own perfect event.

It's not surprising that some of us avoid entertaining like the plague. After all, hosting an event takes time, effort, money, and know-how. It's a lot easier just to gather the gang together at a restaurant and call it a day. But oh, the memories you will miss alludes Debi Lilly in "A Perfect Event," a perfectly lovely book of party planning tips and tricks. Teeming with elegant but simple recipes, inspired party ideas and dreamy photos of the life you'd like to have, this entertaining guide reminds us to stop, smell the roses and take time to celebrate life's precious but fleeting moments. Debi Lilly, who grew up cooking, crafting and pretending she was Julia Child, is the genius behind Oprah's on-air 50th birthday party. One of Chicago's premier event planners, Lilly is known by many Chicagoans through her appearances on "Windy City Live." While Lilly may plan the weddings and celebrations of the elite, her new book is an approachable, do-it-yourself guide that even the most reluctant hostess or host can follow. Chef-inspired recipes for party fare like tuna watermelon skewers with lemon coulis, lobster parfaits and spiced pear bellinis are easily followed even if you didn't study at the Cordon Bleu like the author. Besides the divine recipes, "A Perfect Event" is teeming with delightful party ideas, food styling and decor tips--think fresh herb muddling bar and fabric wrapped hurricane lanterns--for every imaginable event. Throughout the book Lilly intersperses her party tips with stories and photos of events she has planned for her clients. In her approachable girl-next door voice, Lilly shares the background details behind the gatherings she has created. We all have a reason to celebrate, Lilly suggests. Events don't have to be lavish, but when they are planned with thought and care, memories are made and family traditions are created, she suggested. These become the days our loved ones and children will most fondly remember.

This book is a treat for your eyes as well as a fountain of knowledge from an incredible talent... Debi Lilly! There are fantastic stories from "perfect events", savory recipes, eye-popping photos and inspired ideas for every party a person could imagine. I have been lucky enough to have been an attendee at a party or two of Debi's, and I'm delighted to buy this book to pass out as a hostess gift to my friends.

After reading all of the favorable reviews, I really looked forward to receiving this book but found it to be a huge disappointment. I entertain a lot & felt this book would give me new & creative ideas, but there is not much new here. I also felt the photography did not give a nice visual chronicle of the events & some of the descriptions for decorating or presentation leave much to be desired. I think this book might be helpful for someone new to entertaining, but it is not one a seasoned hostess would reach for again & again.

While I love Debi Lilly, this book is somewhat of a disappointment. The photographs are quite inferior, they truly don't capture what they should. This book is not the visual delight that it should be, I've read blogs that do a better job with presentation. Sorry, not a winner.

This book has wonderful ideas and beautiful pictures. It would be a good birthday or Christmas present for any one you know who loves to give parties.

I received this book today and I was not pleased. I found The photography disappointing. It lacks the focus on details that one looks for when purchasing this kind of book. I also felt there was too much narrative and too many pages wasted on shi shi -foo foo recipes. I felt the entire book catered to people with deep pockets who live in a world of party planners and floral designers at their finger tips. Cover reads ... Grocery to gorgeous- affordable DIY.?? Didn't get that impression- misleading.

I am a bit partial to this book for many reasons! However, I took my copy to work and quickly had requests for 7 more books!!! This book sells itself.A beautiful collection of ideas that are easy to recreate and so georgeous.

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