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# The Cocktail Party: Eat Drink Play Recover



## Synopsis

THE ESSENTIAL GUIDE TO THROWING THE PERFECT PARTYâ™ FROM ONE OF TODAYâ™S MOST SOUGHT-AFTER CATERERS. When A-listers want to host a standout event, they call New York caterer Mary Giuliani. Her motto? Eat. Drink. Play. Recover. She prefers a simple yet special approach to entertaining but still manages to make the ordinary extraordinary. Now Mary is sharing all her secrets, along with tried-and-true planning tips, inventive menus, whimsical recipes, and delicious storiesâ™ everything you need to know to get your ducks in a rowâ™ and your pigs in their blankets!â™ to stage the perfect party for a range of special occasions, including New Yearâ™s Eve: Banana Pancake Bites, Mini Kale and Fontina Breakfast Pies, and Champagne Jell-O; Game Day: MACO (Mac and Cheese Taco) with Guacamole, Banoffee Cream Pie in a Mug, and Beergaritas; Awards Season: Chicken Satay, Edamame Dumplings, and Easiest Champagne Drink Ever; Cinco de Mayo: Spicy Pigs, Sweet Quesadilla Bites, and Grapefruit-JalapeÃ±o Margaritas; Thanksgiving: Turkey with Cranberry on Mini Pumpkin Muffins, Mashed Potato Popovers with Mozzarella, and Topsy Turkey Martinis; Christmas: Mini Grilled Cheese with Fontina and OTTO Black Truffle Honey, Baked Italian Mini Doughnuts, and Italian Eggnog. Each party theme comes with a festive Snacktivity that turns your favorite foods and toppings into an eye-popping set piece (think frittata bar, soup-sipping station, DIY grilled cheese party). Mary also offers up Big Stories to get the conversation flowing, a Party Calculator to plan how much to buy and prep per guest, and advice for stocking your Party Closet so you can quickly turn a casual drop-by into a fabulous time. Whether you host get-togethers once a week or once a year, this handy guide has all you need to eat, drink, and be, well, Mary. Praise for Mary Giuliani and *The Cocktail Party* â€œA handbook for living well and appreciating life with joyous abandon.â€ â€”Mario Batali, from the Foreword â€œWhen Mary Giuliani caters a party at your home, guests eat more, drink more, and linger longer, and when they do finally leave they ask for to-go bags. All-encompassing but never fussy, clever but never pretentious, Maryâ™s approach to food and entertaining is warm and familiar without ever sacrificing on quality and sophistication.â€ â€”Ariel Foxman, editorial director, *InStyle* â€œMary pulls it all together with effortless panache, and all I can ever remember the next dayâ™ besides the fact that I drank too muchâ™ is how delicious everything was and how much fun I had. That is why I have her saved on my phone as â€”Party Expert.â™â€ â€”Jonathan Van Meter, author and contributing editor, *Vogue* and *New York*

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## Customer Reviews

This is the book all of us party lovers and party givers need-- Mary Giuliani breaks it down so I finally understand how much, when, how many etc. Plus the theme ideas and stories are hysterical. I will be mini-Thanksgiving it for years to come! Brava

I had no expectations simply because Mary is not an author. She does what she does and is magical at it - I have had the pleasure of attending her affairs. That said, this book is fantastic. It's funny. It's heartwarming. It's an easy pleasure to read. It makes you feel as though a friend is telling you GREAT stories and you are all ears! I am definitely giving this out as holiday gifts to a bunch of folks on my list - well done Mary!

Let me start by saying I plan to host my first cocktail party next Thursday after buying this book two weeks ago. Having attended various cocktail parties over the years, I've found most to be great but very few had a truly inventive aspect or unexpected wow factor. So when I saw this book I knew instantly that there had to be a better way. Eat, drink, play, recover. Brilliant. Too often "recover" is left out of the discussion and everyone is left to fend for themselves after a night of imbibing. (Guilty!) This book not only makes me laugh out loud but also makes hosting a cocktail party so approachable, enjoyable and disaster-proof (as much as a book can, that is.) What's great is this is not just a book for the holidays. Super Bowl, awards season parties, Cinco de Mayo (my personal favorite!), hell she even has baby showers covered. God bless this woman for rescuing us from

another tea + games baby shower...Such a great purchase. I plan on giving this book to my close friends as gifts at my cocktail party next week.Cocktail party game changer.

The best party how-to I ever read. Not only does Mary cover all of the bases, but she shares personal stories from her life that make it so personal, funny and heartfelt. This book really connects with the reader, and makes beauty, dazzle, creativity, and fun accessible to anyone who reads it. Such a down to earth book for raising the bar to fabulousness at any budget. I cannot wait to serve her cocktails and menus to my friends and family and have a blast doing it!!! Right on!!!

The Cocktail Party: Eat Drink Play Recover is the must have holiday gift this season. It is perfect guide for the chic girl on the go who wants an easy to follow lifestyle and cook book to ensure that her parties looks instagram perfect from start to finish! Mary's hilarious anecdotes add color and vibrancy to this lifestyle book while showcasing her casual but elegant entertaining style. A perfect holiday gift for friends, parents, in laws and anyone who needs a little help throwing a fabulous party!

I saw the author on the Today Show go through some of her tricks. She's really original for a budget conscious home entertainer. I thought it the perfect gift for all my sisters-in-law. They all loved it and I got a copy for myself too. A fun read and really great ideas.

I cannot say enough about this book! I love how it seamlessly blends the "how-to's" of throwing a party for any number of occasions throughout the year, while also incorporating funny stories and tidbits about the author's personal and professional life. As an event planner I appreciate the adrenaline-rushing, heart-pounding tales of her events, however you certainly do not have to be in the industry to enjoy - this book is relatable on multiple levels, especially as Mary's voice feels like that of a familiar friend. This book is a MUST have!

This is a beautiful book, filled with gorgeous images, so many new ideas and a punch of personality. My favorite is the mini Thanksgiving - what a fun and refreshing idea! This is sure to be a classic that I will reach for time and time again. I ended up ordering additional copies to keep on hand since it makes such a great gift (bridal, housewarming, hostess, holiday). Anyone who has a sense of humor, enjoys entertaining and being the life of the party will love it.

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