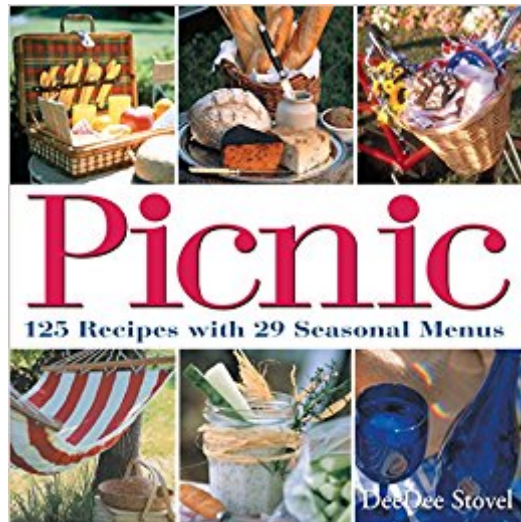




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Picnic: 125 Recipes With 29 Seasonal Menus



Synopsis

Create delicious and portable feasts for any occasion. Whether you're headed to a neighborhood park, an elegant music festival, or the top of a mountain, DeeDee Stovel shows you how to create a tasty outdoor dining experience. With 125 recipes that include dishes like cucumber soup, lobster rolls, fried chicken, and apple cake, you'll be amazed at the variety of foods that are well-suited for outdoor eating. Call up your friends, grab a blanket, and fill up your picnic basket!

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Customer Reviews

Drawing on her New England upbringing, Stovel presents a host of foods that make ideal fare for a Picnic. In addition to expected recipes for cucumber sandwiches, peach ice cream, and chocolate cake, Stovel has corn pudding, grilled salmon or tuna, and several home-baked breads. Stovel has created some warming ski picnics with appropriately hearty dishes such as sausage and bean casserole. To goad those still unmotivated by her recipes, she puts together a number of menus to cover a host of picnic opportunities. Mark Knoblauch
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"For great ideas on serving the tastiest outdoor meals, pick up Picnic! A Country Accents a useful compilation of 125 recipes fit for outdoor eating they can also be used as potluck fare. St. Petersburg (FL) Times

“Not just for summer, by the way [Stovel’s] subtitle tells you she offers 125 recipes with 29 seasonal menus, i.e. year-round picnics. Associated Press | provides readers with imaginative menus for many settings and seasons. Kansas City Star | “After flipping through the informal repasts in *Picnic*, you’ll see that life can indeed be the proverbial you-know-what. Cookbook Digest | “Check out Stovel’s After the Wedding Brunch Picnic for a delicious post-matrimonial menu. WeddingChannel.com | “This colorful book just puts you in the mood for a warm-weather outing. Birmingham (AL) News | “With good humor and creative flair, Stovel offers 125 recipes to be enjoyed indoors or out, rain or shine. Carolina Parent |

The book provides recipes, ideas, photos - everything you need to keep your picnics fun and creative! Picnics are for everyone and can be enjoyed anywhere - if you are someone who enjoys the fun and relaxation a picnic provides, there is something for you in this book. From the basic picnic to something a little more elegant. From cold winter day outings to the lazy days of summer by the river... there is a menu/recipe/idea for you in this book. We go on different types of picnics throughout the year - at the beach, at the park, on the soccer field or, in the autumn forest - and this book has helped me refresh the ideas. Also great for people who are just thinking "a picnic sounds like a fun, new thing to do...."

Cute recipe book I bought to go in a picnic basket for a wedding gift. High quality. I can't speak for the recipes but they sure looked tasty!

A perfect addition to the picnic basket we bought as a gift.

There is really only one thing I want from a cookbook: recipes. I don't care about the preaching on food safety or environmental concerns. Really. I don't. If I wanted a book on that, I'd buy it. What I want are recipes and just get to the recipes! This book resorts to this very fluff in order to fill the book. As for the recipes, I was very excited to see that this boasts recipes for all seasons. I was buying this because I'm taking a winter trip and would like to have a romantic winter picnic. I used to live in Alaska, so I'm not talking that kind, but this time it'll be in Socal and I live along the Gulf Coast. You see that winter weather here is more like Autumn for most. Anyway, I selected this book

for its winter ideas. I was really disappointed to find that though this book does have a few all seasons recipes, they are very few. Summer has only 7% less than what Spring, Autumn and Winter have combined. I'm not talking about number of pages or recipes, but Kindle gives us percentages, so I'm talking percentage wise of each of those chapters. If you're wanting a frugal picnicking cookbook, then this is not the one for you. From Grilled Salmon Fillets to Artichoke Salad to Barbecued Butterflied Lamb, these are not for budget households. The foods are expensive, but they are also very elegant and upscale. As far as that is concerned, you have to decide for yourself which you prefer. Another thing is the amount of alcoholic drinks without substitutions is a problem for many. My ex couldn't drink any alcohol (he was an alcoholic) and I think because of my many years him, I just don't have a taste for it. Either way, it is disappointing that there were not some creative suggestions for drinks that didn't have alcohol. Obviously not all drinks have alcohol but each menu does suggest it and does not suggest an alternative. Now that's the bad. How about the good? The good is that the recipes do sound original (there are a few in there that aren't; like the chocolate chip cookie recipe -- I've made the same cookies for over 30 years and my kids, now grown, still act like children when they eat them). There are a lot of things in there that I had not thought about, as far as picnic foods. Many sound very good and I look forward to trying the high number of summer recipes provided. As mentioned above, there are a lot of elegant dishes so if you're out to impress someone, this is a good source. I have both a paperback copy and a Kindle version. I saw where someone complained about the Kindle version's format. The formatting is actually very good. The problem stems from the size of the Kindle. If you turn it where it's longer width-wise, it'll format much better. Also, turn off highlighting if you have it on. That often obscures part of what you're trying to read. Anyway, I don't usually use my cookbooks on my Kindle, but on my Kindle for PC, which makes it even easier to see. The one thing that I don't like about the Kindle is its lack of photos and illustrations. Gee, I guess I need to check my paperback because I can't remember if it has them or not. I won't say since I'm uncertain. All in all, it's helpful but not the book I was hoping it would be. The recipes do sound delicious and if that's all you're after (and money isn't an issue) then this is the book for you. If you're looking for recipes that are outside of Summer, then look into other books first and compare to this one. If you're on a budget, then skip it entirely.

If you are looking for inspiration to create a wonderful picnic, this is not the book. I can't say that I am happy with this book.

Modern outdoor dining that offer delicious results.

Fantastic book for those who like to picnic, but want ideas for something other than the usual picnic items.

Okay cook book, very detailed but a bit too elaborate for a practical picnic. Recipes should be easier to travel with.

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