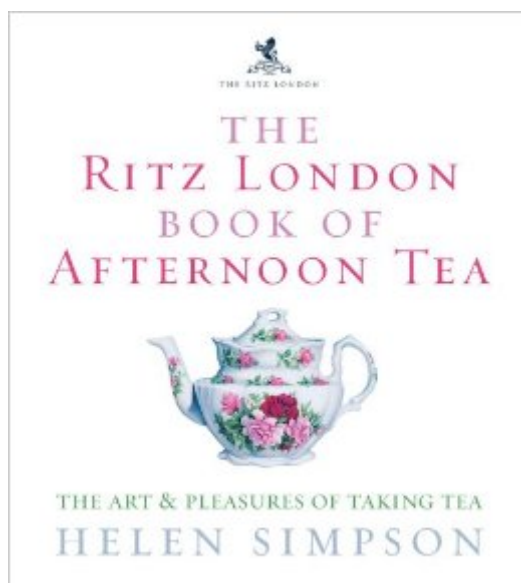


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The Ritz London Book Of Afternoon Tea: The Art And Pleasures Of Taking Tea



Synopsis

Taking tea is quintessentially English, and who is a greater authority on the subject than the sumptuous London Ritz Hotel? Delightfully illustrated, this charming Edwardian-style book provides us with all the expertise on the ceremony as well as the recipes.

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Customer Reviews

I started hosting tea parties when I was 15. I would get up at 6:00 am and start baking and cook until 2-3 and then the feast would be ready. This book was the first "tea book" I bought. I have to admit I was lucky that I bought this book because I wasn't a great cook (I was 15) and I didn't know what I was doing. This book has wonderful recipes that are easy to follow and most are simple to make....and delicious! Now that I've been doing this tea thing for almost 12 years I have many different books on the subject. But this one is the most used, it's covered in flour and it contains some of my favorite recipes. A few of the standout recipes in my opinion are, rock cakes, madelines, victoria sandwich, welsh rarebit and meruings. You won't be disappointed in this book. The size is small but it's jam-packed with goodies!

I've recently bought 4 different tea books and this is the best one I have so far. There are a lot of the expected recipes for traditional tea time fare, with some minor omissions I felt. The print left something to be desired, some of it was blurred, but if you just want to buy 1 English tea book, this is it.

This is a nice little primer on teas, including a history of tea, tea through the ages, and of course recipes. The recipes are given in both metric and "American" measures. Most of the recipes I tried worked such as scones, drop scones, gingerbread, potted shrimp, devilled ham on toast rounds, the "english" muffins, crumpets, lemon curd, rock cakes (no they don't contain rocks!), the Dundee cake and most of the savoury recipes. A few did not such as the Madeira cake and the Victoria Sponge. All in all it's a nice little book.

A friend and I have recently begun taking tea and we love the true British and Victorian style of tea houses. I wanted to find a book for her that was a great resource on the history of afternoon and high tea as well as providing some recipes to go along with the information. This was the best book I found. No other goes into as much detail about the history of tea that this book does. The only downfall is that the only illustrations in the book are line drawings. There are no photos. Still, that didn't keep me from picking this book over several others that did have nice pictures, because in the end, the content of this book superceded any other.

This delightful volume captures the charm of the ceremony of afternoon tea, from the glamor of taking tea at the Ritz to the coziness of taking tea by the fire with the curtains drawn against the blustery day. Literary quotations, historical anecdotes, recipes for all the best delicacies served at tea, tips on tea-making, and lovely line-drawings make this book a must for tea-lovers and Anglophiles. It is a treasure to have.

Lots of easy, great recipes. If for no other reason, you should buy this book just for the basic english muffin recipe and scone recipes.

I enjoyed reading this book. It is a good starter book for those who would like to understand the ritual of English Tea and basic recipes of this time of day.

what a great book! my idea of luxury is to attend afternoon tea in a great hotel-and now I can recreate some of the recipes (but not the harpist) at home. If you like tea, good food, and learning about creating a mood or an atmosphere for your guests, this little book is just great!

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