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CelebraTORI: Unleashing Your Inner Party Planner To Entertain Friends And Family



Synopsis

New York Times bestselling author of *sTORI* telling, *Mommywood*, and uncharted *terriTORI*, reality show star, and hostess extraordinaire Tori Spelling offers tips and advice for throwing a fabulous—and affordable—party as only she can. I love the puzzle of throwing special, chic parties with down-to-earth budgets, and lucky you, I'm psyched to share my secrets. Tori Spelling planned her very first party (her own roller skate-themed birthday with a hot-pink- and-turquoise color scheme) at the age of eight, and she's been hosting friends and family in her home ever since. She knows as well as anyone that style and elegance don't often play well with budget. Well, with *celebraTORI*, she rolls up her sleeves and turns that notion on its head—expertly showing how creativity, passion, and smart planning are the secret ingredients for throwing a truly unforgettable bash on any budget. All it takes is a little elbow grease and a lot of imagination to transport your guests to another world as soon as they walk through the door. In this delightfully entertaining, must-have party companion, Tori shares all the tips and tricks she's learned from her most successful soirees (and a few train wrecks). It's like having your own personal party planner for a fraction of the cost! *celebraTORI* is not just instructional, it's inspirational. Hosting an event is not about ticking to-dos off a list; it's about turning an organic idea into a fun day you and your guests won't forget—so much so that you just can't wait to do it again . . . with a different theme, of course. Tori covers all the basics, from discovering new reasons to celebrate and choosing a concept, to decorating, creating flower arrangements, making refreshments, and building the corner-stone of any great party: the dessert table! The best part is that all of her suggestions, including her mouthwatering recipes, are 100 percent do-it-yourself. Filled with lots and lots of great advice, handy blueprints, and hilarious anecdotes, *celebraTORI* will be the most important guest at your next party. It's the perfect foundation for taking life's special occasions up a notch . . . or five. *** They say the devil's in the details, but for me the details are heaven. Maybe an avid planner and host like me should say that in the course of the party I'm on a cloud of joy, but that would be a lie. Planning and preparing are my favorite parts of the process. Truth be told, when it comes to the actual parties, I'm a nervous wreck. But there is a moment of joy. Mine comes when I see the party come together. The guests are flowing through the space, tasting food, trying out any activities, having conversations with friends and strangers. And when I see someone take a bite of dessert, or try out a photo booth costume, or smile as they pick up a favor, well, that makes it all worth it. Creating a party. It's my favorite thing to do, and I'm inviting you, as my guest, to join me in the festivities. I know we're going to have fun. Come—discover your inner party planner! Love, Tori

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Customer Reviews

Tori Spelling is an actress whose career spans theater, television, and film. She™s received critical praise for her work in such independent films as Trick and The House of Yes. She both starred in and executive produced the comedy series So NoTORIous on VH1 and the popular reality series Tori & Dean: Inn Love and Tori & Dean: Home Sweet Hollywood on Oxygen, and the current remake of Beverly Hills 90210. She lives with her family in Los Angeles.

part one: ESSENTIALS
The first step in planning any party is working out the five questions: Who What When Where Why You have to figure out these core elements before you get to the fun stuff.

Ok I have to admit I love Tori (hence the title of my review). What I love about her latest book is how down to Earth she really is (reading her stories you would think she was the mom next door talking about party planning). She has some fantastic ideas on how to make your own party without spending a gagillion dollars (yes that is a real amount). Everything show is tastefully done and she even provides you with some recipes (amazingly enough yes this girl does cook). If you are someone, like myself, who needs beginner information on party planning and plenty of ideas then this book is for you (it comes complete with stories from Tori's everyday life, which is always humorous).

A fun read. Lots of cool ideas. She is quirky and funny plus how she includes her friends during all of these parties is hilarious. I have used lots of the tips for putting together small dinners or weekend things for my kids. Great pics.

I recommend this book for all people wanting to add a little extra touch to dinner parties, birthday parties, or just hang outs with friends! A lot of great tips and pictures to get the perfect event every time.

This was the WORST party planning book. I have a large library of event planning books, all this book did was flaunt her wealth and complete lack of knowledge. Waste of a buy.

I have wanted this book for a while, I think my expectations were just really high. There are some fun ideas, but I expected more how-tos, more pictures, more DIY ideas. It's supposed to somewhat focus on throwing upscale parties when you are on a budget, but then her ideas, like throwing a spa party where everyone wears terry cloth robes and there is fresh lavender and champagne seems a little far-fetched for someone on a budget! Overall, it was just okay!

I bought this book for some party planning ideas and tips, and it is chocked full with great ideas! It also proved to be a great coffee table book too...when I have people over they love thumbing through it and looking at the pictures, and getting ideas themselves, which then almost always sparks a conversation in-and-of-itself. It's a great buy!

Love this book! I read many party idea books from the library, and this is one of the few I have bought for my personal library--it's one of my top 3 fave party planning books. The ideas are practical, fun, and several were new to me. Tori's ideas have really put polish on my parties. I'd love to see her write another party book!

i would have given the book 5 stars if it had had more diy craft ideas/instructions, i thought there would b more seeing as how tori is such a crafter herself, overall the book is absolutly a great read with tons of cool party ideas, loved it!! she just needs to write a childrens party book now!

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