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A beautiful, full-color collection of 100 tasty, simple recipes for unforgettable meals and gatherings from the enormously popular star of the ABC sitcom *The Middle* and Food Network's *Patricia Heaton Parties*

A busy working mother raising four boys, Patricia Heaton couldn't be more comfortable playing "America's mom" on hit television shows such as *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *The Middle*. Though she may be a Hollywood star today, this down to earth, practical Midwesterner likes to have fun entertaining her loved ones and has never forgotten her roots.

Growing up in the suburbs of Cleveland in the 1960s, Patricia's hard-working parents—like the characters she plays on TV—didn't have a lot of extra money. With five kids to raise, extras like movies and restaurant meals were special treats. Home cooked dinners were rib-filling basics: meatloaf, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken, pork chops, burgers, fish sticks, and pot roast. Yet her mother didn't let a tight budget stop her from dreaming big, inspired by Julia Child.

On her Food Network show *Patricia Heaton Parties*, Patricia celebrates her culinary beginnings, transforming familiar American fare into delicious, sophisticated, lightened versions for entertaining family and friends. In this fabulous cookbook, Patricia shares her budget-friendly, simple, and deeply satisfying recipes. Some will be on the healthier side, and all will be inspired by the dishes she loved growing up, the favorites she's relied on to feed her hungry boys, and the scrumptious showstoppers she serves at her fun-filled, casual parties and get-togethers.

Patricia Heaton's Food for Family and Friends features 100 recipes for appetizers, sides, and main dishes, as well as cocktails and "guest goodies"—little treats to send home with your guests, including:

Pot Roast and Roasted Root Vegetable Hash with Poached Eggs

Bite-Size Crab Cakes with Lemon Aioli

Quick Bread & Butter Pickles

Spaghetti Bolognese

Shortcut Paella

Winter Corn Chowder with Oyster Crackers

Falafel Patties and Tahini Maple Dipping Sauce

No-Churn Pumpkin Spice Ice Cream

Bourbon Pecan Glazed Pound Cake

Apple and Cheese Danish

Maple Bourbon Old Fashioned

Patty's Party Punch

Cucumber Mint Mocktail

Blueberry Shortbread Cookies

Infused Sea Salts

DIY Cracker Jack

Peppermint Kisses

Patricia provides readers with the tools for everything to make it easy to pull it all together with sample menus, kitchen setup, and tips for getting organized. Best of all, she spices it up with hilarious stories, family photos, and anecdotes from her Hollywood career.

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Stephanie Schummer says

If you are a fan of Patricia Heaton, as I am, you will like this cookbook. There is a nice amount of personal details and anecdotes in the text. This would also be great for someone just starting out on their own or someone new to entertaining and/or cooking for more than just 1-2 people. I am fortunate to have been taught to cook by my parents and grandparents and have been cooking and entertaining for some time, however there are a lot of recipes in here that I will try. She also devotes a few pages to planning your event and setting up your kitchen and pantry, which is very helpful.

Ivy says

This cookbook had lots of just very regular recipes. It was nothing to really write home about. There weren't pictures for every recipe. It was just generally fine.

Clwseattle says

Just like the actress *and* the characters she plays, Patricia Heaton's Food for Family and Friends: 100 Favorite Recipes for a Busy, Happy Life is just fun.

The narrative is engaging and the recipes are oh so accessible to cooks of all levels of experience. Yes, some of the recipes are familiar (especially since I grew up in the same time period in a neighboring suburb), but Patricia Heaton adds some fun and easy changes to them along with some new recipes. I love that she mixes up the types of recipes and takes neither herself nor them too seriously. Cooking should be fun!

5 stars for a fellow daughter of Cleveland (area)

Lisa says

I got this from the library, but I must say that I would really like this for myself. Minus the drinking section in the back (I don't drink), everything in the book I either wanted to eat or try. Most of the recipes seemed to not have many ingredients involved and steps to follow to achieve the end result. I am really going to have to put this in my cart to purchase for myself. She has such fresh and yummy ideas.

Kym says

Lots of fun recipes and many have a photo of the finished food. All categories are covered, including drinks! Not the healthiest food around, but good for entertaining and comfort foods.

Randee says

I am not much for cooking or baking, although there are times I suddenly want to make something. This does not, however, prevent me from watching and enjoying cooking shows and reading cookbooks. I'm sure it's along the lines of why I enjoy watching and reading about mountain climbing. It inspires awe within me that people actually like to do these type of things. I watched Patricia Heaton's show about entertaining and cooking on the Food Network. I really liked it. She is very energetic and enthusiastic and with 4 sons, a husband, and a plethora of friends...you can tell she really enjoys feeding them all and letting another side of her creativity loose by creating recipes that seem top of the line. I would accept an invitation to her house for dinner should she care to extend one. I found her book to be in the same mold....engaging, energetic and enthusiastic and I had an enjoyable time reading the prose and looking over all the yummy food photographs. I even copied 5 recipes that I think I would love if I make them. Hopefully, I will one day. It seems I have a couple hundred recipes from various sources that sound good every time I look through them (without making them, of course.) If you like food, collecting recipes, Patricia Heaton, entertaining, I think you will like her book. You may even like it if none of those things are of particular interest.

Sarah Lee says

So the first 30 pages was the author just writing and telling about their life, and their thoughts and opinions on entertaining around the home and such. I wasn't much interested in any of that, though I tried to read it...it didn't just wasn't keeping my attention! So once I jumped into the recipes there was a lot of good stuff there. I really want to try a few. Usually I am not interested in drink recipes but there was one that was a party punch that sounded really good that I will be making for a potluck this weekend!

Irina Cohn says

Although, I haven't yet made any recipes, most of them looks so inviting and appealing. They are every day recipes that anyone can make. The first 75 pages are devoted to your kitchen, entertaining and your pantry. etc. I don't eat meat and I try to keep a low profile on sugar, sodium and fat. Any recipe can be adapted to my lifestyle. I can't wait to try the Apple Pie Muffins, Crab Cakes with Aioli and General Tso's Shrimp.
