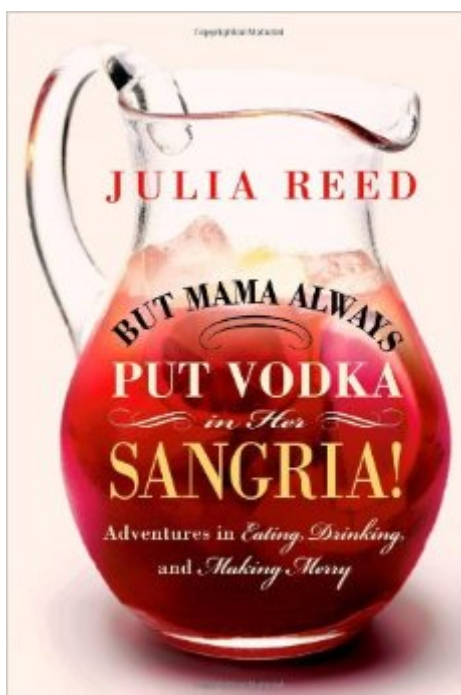


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But Mama Always Put Vodka In Her Sangria!: Adventures In Eating, Drinking, And Making Merry



Synopsis

In her new book, *But Mama Always Put Vodka in Her Sangria!*, Julia Reed, a master of the art of eating, drinking, and making merry, takes the reader on culinary adventures in places as far flung as Kabul, Afghanistan and as close to home as her native Mississippi Delta and Florida's Gulf Coast. Along the way, Reed discovers the perfect Pimm's Royale at the Paris Ritz, devours delicious chuletons in Madrid, and picks up tips from accomplished hostesses ranging from Pat Buckley to Pearl Bailey and, of course, her own mother. Reed writes about the bounty and the burden of a Southern garden in high summer, tosses salads in the English countryside, and shares C.Z. Guest's recipe for an especially zingy bullshot. She understands the necessity of a potent holiday punch and serves it up by the silver bowl full, but she is not immune to the slightly less refined charms of a blender full of frozen peach daiquiris or a garbage can full of Yucca Flats. And then there are the parties: shindigs ranging from sultry summer suppers and raucous dinners at home to a Plymouth-like Thanksgiving feast and an upscale St. Patrick's Day celebration. This delightful collection of essays by Julia Reed, a master storyteller with an inimitable voice and a limitless capacity for fun, will show you how to entertain guests with style, have a good time yourself and always have that perfect pitcher of sangria ready at a moment's notice.

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Customer Reviews

Received today and have spent most of day reading and plotting to cook all the recipes when I get out of the hammock. Julia Reeds life experiences, friends, personalities she has crossed paths with

..... parties past and present are memorable and entertaining. References to travels also interesting and bring back how it was before sequester, weighing passengers and luggage and other such nuances. Lynn Ziglar

I'm a southern woman. I love to cook and eat and drink. I love the peculiarities of the south and grew up in the same time period. Since these were originally essays, there is a slightly disjointed feel to the book, and, of course, this is not deep and challenging reading. And most of the name dropping whizzes right over my head. But what fun! I feel like I've been on vacation after reading this book.

I love Julia Reed's articles in GARDEN and GUN and I was crazy about her book about New Orleans and restoring her house, but this book was good but so filled with name dropping and the mention of her wedding that she cancelled after 1000 invitations had been sent that I dozed off. 1000 invitations, really?

Reading But Mama Always Put Vodka in Her Sangria was so fun, I decided to write my first book review. Julia Reed's easy, humorous style keeps the pages turning. She's definitely had a lot of fun in her life and has great tales to tell. If I had spent a weekend drinking champagne in Paris with Andre Leon Talley or learned to drink champagne at Joe and Susan Mary Alsop's house, I would write about it all the time. The book inspired me to read further about several topics she mentions. I loved the chapter about bourbon and I made a copy of the Sixth Circuit case on Maker's Mark which I plan to read today. I went strolling through the Internet to read more about the Delta Region and its association with hot tamales and found a great website called Southern Foodways Alliance. Thanks Ms. Reed, I may even subscribe to Garden and Gun just to keep reading your wonderful tales.

Julia is such a kick and honestly, the recipes are unique and really delicious - and that's coming from a cookbook collector and avid cook! The stories that go along with the recipes are entertaining and engaging - makes you want to hang out with her for any weekend or event! I bought the silver punchbowl just because I HAD to start making the Christmas Eggnog, when it was featured in a Garden and Gun issue years ago. Was time to get the book it came from! Love it and it's in the cookbook stand this month to cook from,

Julia, you say the very things I'm thinking! True Southerners will enjoy the memories this book

brings back and Northerners will have, yet another, way to read how the other half think. As I read, I know these other people, in fact, I think we're distantly kin.

I loved this book...while I didn't live the high life Julia did; the cast of characters and the good eating took me back to my Virginia childhood. I am planning to buy the hard copy because I want to try all the recipes.

But Mama Always Put Vodka In Her Sangria , is a total delight as are all the charming Julia Reed books . I thoroughly enjoyed this book, and ,my husband and I are now enjoying at home occasional Pimm's (#1) Royale due to her information in the book.

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