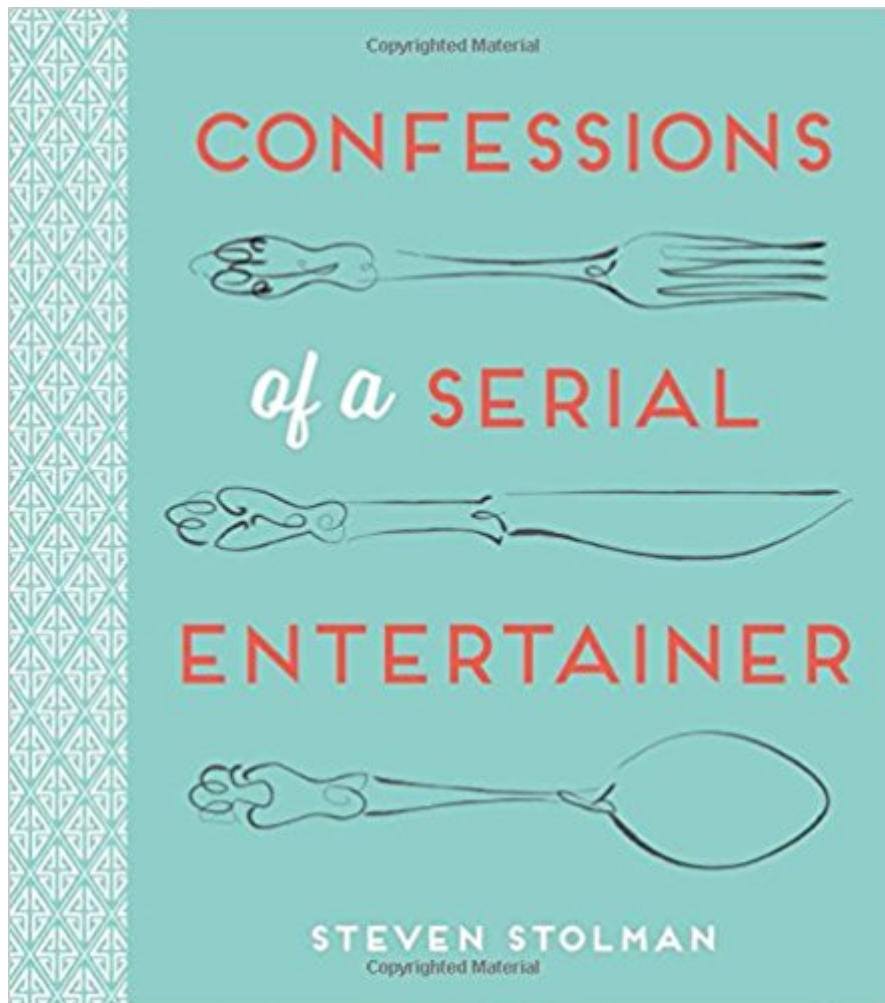




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Confessions Of A Serial Entertainer



Synopsis

Menus and anecdotes give away one man's secrets for entertaining in style. Steven Stolman has a gregarious personality. He loves to entertain: cocktail parties in Palm Beach, football game-day gatherings in Wisconsin, family Passover Sedars in Connecticut, and dinner parties in his New York apartment. "Of all our friends, we have the smallest places, yet we seem to do more entertaining than anyone." It's about the people and the food, he says. He also loves old community and church cookbooks from the 1950s to the '70s. And these are his inspirations for party food: dips and cheese spreads with crackers, family recipes for delicious roasts, breakfast casseroles, and desserts. What Stolman confesses is that he hates hostess gifts and isn't afraid to say so. He advises women not to take a purse to a party and just "tuck it behind here" to avoid holding it "thanks for ruining my furniture arrangement!" He advises about the importance of having silver serving pieces and how to dress for a cocktail party or a dinner party (at least try!). And he confesses that even when he has hired servers to pass hors d'oeuvres, he can't help but carry a tray around himself! This book will give any novice party host ideas and confidence, and it will inspire seasoned hosts to simplify and enjoy the party. Steven Stolman is the author of *40 Years of Fabulous* and *Scalamandrage: Haute Decor*. He divides his time among homes in Palm Beach, New York, and Milwaukee.

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"I found *Confessions of A Serial Entertainer* to be similar to a great dinner or cocktail party - it's engaging, entertaining, and enriching." (Michelle Smith Especially Happy 2015-03-09)"This is not

just another party cookbook. This is a memoir of entertaining. Filled with simple to make recipes, tips on how to run a smooth get together, along with candid tales of mishaps and glorious moments along the way." (Diane Balch Simple Living and Eating 2015-03-16)"I read this book cover to cover and loved it." (Liotta Dennis Examiner 2015-03-28)

Steven Stolman, designer, writer and all-around style provocateur, was born in Boston, raised in West Hartford and attended Carnegie Mellon and Northwestern Universities before graduating from New York's Parsons School of Design. .

LOVE This book! I "entertain" a lot - actually I just have groups of people over. I am always combing recipe sites for new ways to be creative and offer very good and tasty food to my guests while not overworking the occasion. This book is so practical - the tips and "how to's" on gathering people at your house are easy, stress free, and effective. Surprisingly - (it's been a long time since I've heard anyone give this suggestion) - Mr Stolman likes old-fashioned, standard favorite recipes from church and community groups - and those from the '50's and '60's. The simple classics of old that just taste good. How refreshing! (I guess they aren't considered classics for nothing!) Reading this book gave me new inspiration and great new (old) favorite recipes to try. This book covers a lot of info - presentation, essential key recipes for everything from dips to salads, from frou-frou sandwiches to hearty dinner for the boss, suggestions on serveware, stocking your cupboard, how to time your event, what to wear to a cocktail party and his take on hostess gifts. Most importantly - how to RELAX and enjoy yourself with your guests. The presentation of the book itself is lovely; minimalistic - "less is more", beautiful and simple. It is my new favorite book - and I'm picky!

A fabulous cookbook from the ultimate host an entertainer, our own Steven Stolman! I have never known anyone that can whip up a cocktail party, or a dinner, or a lunch, or even a wedding with very little notice and get it done beautifully and with such ease as Steven. I hope that this is a international bestseller!

The divine Steven Stolman never, ever disappoints. Every single page of this book oozes charm, just like the man himself. For those of us that remember his perfect little Scalamandre dresses in the 90's, seeing the pictures of his cocktail parties we know he can do no wrong. And the recipes are wonderfully simple.

Such a fun book with great recipes that aren't too hard. Steven tells the stories behind the meals and makes the experience fun!

Great for me - Perfect for people who do not entertain as much as I do. If anything I got a ton of pointers and confirmation.

This is a fun book to read and makes a good gift to someone who likes to entertain. I bought it as a gift but ended up keeping it as I really like the recipes and the way it is written - enjoyable.

LOVE this book. The story is very interesting and there are some great recipes in here including the Chicken Provencial. It's one of the best chicken recipes I have ever tried or tasted in my 45 years of cooking.

Yes I have already made some of the recipes..... It's a great book to keep handy...

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