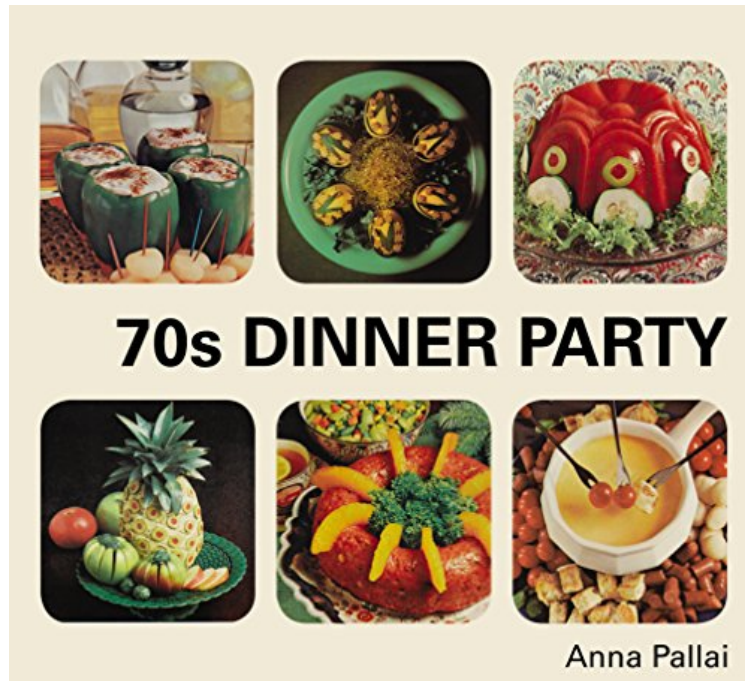


70s Dinner Party: The Good, the Bad and the Downright Ugly of Retro Food

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Anna Pallai : 70s Dinner Party: The Good, the Bad and the Downright Ugly of Retro Food before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 70s Dinner Party: The Good, the Bad and the Downright Ugly of Retro Food:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fun pushed a bit too far. By M. J. Smith It is difficult when creating a book that is humorous at the expense of the taste of prior ages to avoid becoming mean-spirited. Generally, Pallai finds the right balance and uses the comments on the photos to focus on the rightly humorous. Most of the pictures are well composed and fit the theme of retro-food now seen as humorous. So why did I withhold one star? Because the author treats foods clearly designed to children and likely requested by children (e.g. teddy bear shaped cakes) in the same category as Ham and Banana Hollandaise. Having lived through 7 decades of food, I know teddy bear birthday cakes are neither retro nor disdainful-humor-worthy. So an otherwise fun book finishes with a bit distastefully. And if I didn't focus on children's cakes, I could complain that aspic per se it treated as mock worthy rather than the overreach of aspics that the decade of the 70's presented. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Funny coffee table book By Mel Really funny and cute coffee table book! I would recommend it. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The pictures and captions were fun. By Customer I wish the recipes had been included in addition to the photos. The ingredients used were part of the [fun/horror/creativity] of the menu. The pictures and captions were fun.

Selected as a Book of the Year 2016 in the Guardian and The Spectator Anna Pallai was brought up on 1970s stalwarts of stuffed peppers, meatloaf and platters of slightly greying hardboiled eggs. When she rediscovered her mother's

grease-stained 70s cookbooks, she knew she needed to share them with the world, and so the hit Twitter account @70s_Party was born. Harking back to a simpler pre-Instagram, pre-clean-eating era, when the only concern for your dinner party was whether your aspic would set in time, this is a joyful celebration of food that can give you gout just by looking at it. Covering all the essentials, from starters through to desserts, dinner party etiquette (just how does one start to eat a swan fashioned from a hardboiled egg?) and the dreaded foreign food, there's no potato-fashioned-as-a-stone left unturned.

"The funniest book I've seen so far this year . . . Perfect deadpan wit. Part social history, part Dadaist artwork."
Jonathan Coe, Guardian, Book of the Year