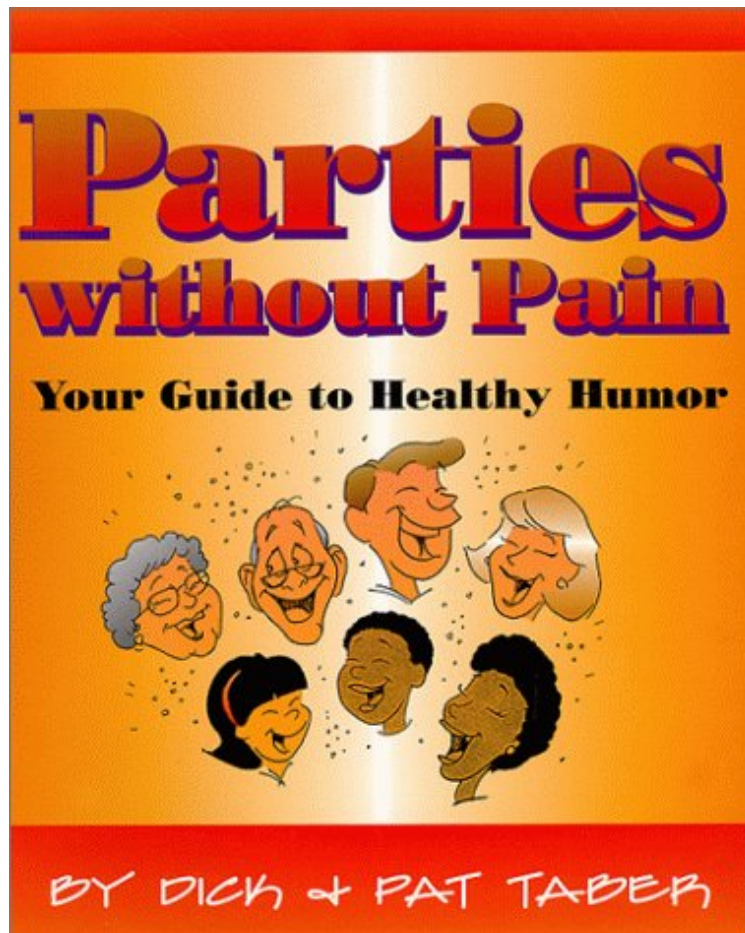


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**Pat Taber, Richard D. Taber : Parties Without Pain** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Parties Without Pain:

A timeless book about generating innocent fun and laughter between and among friendly people. Healthy humor is the aim. Party planners, teachers, youth leaders and many others will find ice breakers and over 70 amusing games, including many challenging "word games." It has ways to enliven most social occasions.

Dick Taber has written 120-some professional wildlife articles. His wife, Pat, wanted something else. "I said to him if you leave the world not writing something out of your work, that's more frivolous, the world will be a poorer place," Pat recalled in a recent interview. So the couple, both teachers, decided to do "something" together. They wrote "Parties without Pain: Your Guide to Healthy Humor." (Missoulian, Oct. 3, 1999) Since we've been married, we've

always given lots of parties. Not very many people do that," said Pat, who taught in public schools. The Tabers have given parties for 31 or 32 years, averaging six to 10 a year when they lived in Seattle. Twelve years ago, when they moved back to Missoula, Montana, they began to work, off and on, on the book. The book offers ideas on how to break up those cliques that form so easily at parties. It also offers ideas on games to play for special occasions: birthdays, holidays, reunions, even in classrooms. But most importantly, the Tabers said, the games are win situations. No losers allowed. The idea is to break down hesitations, to get the attendees mingling. "We don't think having losers does anything for parties," said Dick... "Nobody is threatened," he added. "Nobody has to do anything ridiculous unless he feels like it. There's laughing at or laughing with," he continued. "These are laughing with all the way." The games range from balloon stomps to broken word mixers to mystery trips. Some of the games are old standbys, "Spoons" and "Sketchardades" among them. An index helps party given find the games easily. Dick claims credit for the index. "It's what a professor does to make information as available and usable as he can," he said. -- 5000From the PublisherStudents, colleagues and other friends of Pat and Dick learn the recipe for fun and hospitality at Taber events. The publisher of this book and her husband are some of the lucky people to have shared the laughter, wit, healthy humor and good times.From the Back Cover"Many of us have forgotten how to play and have fun. Here's a nifty offering that taps our natural child and encourages us to engage with others in a healthy loosened-up lifestyle. Dick and Pat Taber are model 'playground supervisors. Fred Weldon, Ed. D, Humor Mill, Missoula, Montana Healthy humor needs nourishment to thrive, and the Tabers have put together the quintessential book of game recipes guaranteed to create merriment for all. Everyone's a winner in the over 70 games you'll find in this humdinger of a painless party planner. Betty Ammon, Library Director