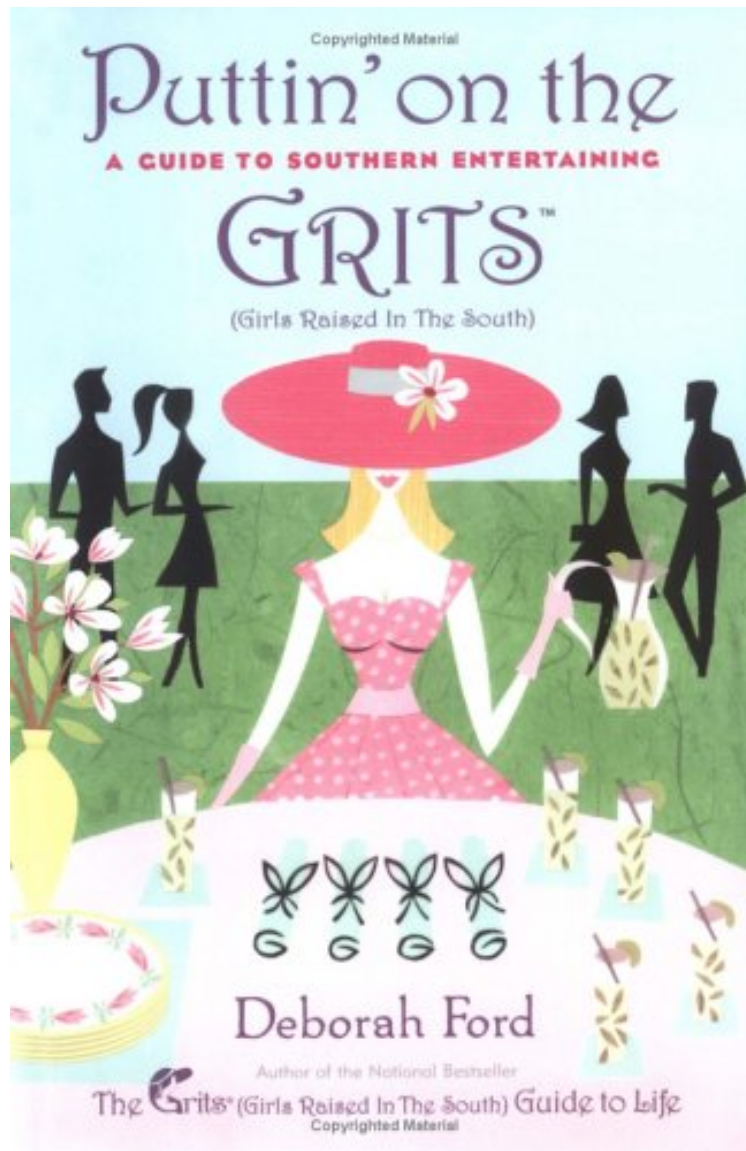


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Deborah Ford : Puttin' on the Grits: A Guide to Southern Entertaining before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Puttin' on the Grits: A Guide to Southern Entertaining:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Threw it away! By Trixie I don't even know where to start. I bought this book to read on a trip and thought it would have good information about entertaining and maybe party ideas, recipes, etc. Let me say that I am a Southern girl through and through, but this book stereotypes Southerners and Southern girls in particular, and I did not like that. I would hate for someone to read this book and think this is how we

actually behave. This type of book is what give Southern's a bad reputation. I am sure she meant for it all to be in fun, but this "pearl" girl didn't like it! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By SSAs described 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Definitely not a great Southern Entertaining book... By Ieasha Akins I did not totally like this book. I am originally from the North and have been in the South since 2000. The women I have met here are great. They are warm, traditional, Christian-minded and hard working! This book made them look like flakes and somewhat unintelligent. I bought this book since my husband is Southern and I wanted to really be able to provide him with great southern cooking and entertaining. Some of the information was useful...but anyone could have gotten the information from any other Southern entertainment book. Some parts of the book were amusing and even some of the recipes were interesting. But overall this book wasn't a great book.

Family and friends are the center of life in the South, and kitchens the center of Southern homes, so there is no better way to celebrate Southern traditions than a book on entertaining. From the heartfelt love in Grandma's dumplings to the stomping good fun at a hoedown, Southern entertaining is special. This book will help everyone to be as gracious, warm, and entertaining as Deborah Ford herself. She can't help sharing—it's the Southern way. *Puttin' on the Grits* covers all the details of hosting festivities large and small. From mint juleps to charm lessons, Deborah reveals the colorful secrets behind why Southern women are such consummate hosts and captures the famous combination of elegance and wit that has become the GRITS calling card. *Puttin' on the Grits* even includes a discussion of how to be the kind of guest who gets invited back. Whether popping a cork or cracking open a six-pack, every hostess can now be the belle of the ball.

From Publishers Weekly Ford, who calls herself a GRIT (Girl Raised In The South), wrote *The GRITS Guide to Life*, and like that work, this new book is a chatty mix of advice, anecdotes, trivia, jokes, quotes and (a few) recipes—all aimed at explaining and upholding the standards of Southern party giving and party going. Never mind that it's hardly an original topic (witness books by Paula Deen, and Gayden Metcalfe and Charlotte Hays's recent *Being Dead Is No Excuse*). Ford dives headlong into giving advice on old school Southern hospitality, beginning with suggestions for parties celebrating Southern holidays like Elvis's Birthday and Derby Day. The "Being a Good Hostess" chapter suggests conversation starters and shares stories of famous Southern hostesses. Would-be party givers get hints on planning budgets, guest lists and menus and, on the big day, dealing with last-minute emergencies—from food failures to stain removal ("Rope in husband. Show him the spot. Repeat as necessary"). The "Being a Good Guest" chapter advises on dressing properly, eating an artichoke, figuring out which silverware to use at a formal dinner and writing a thank-you note. Despite the book's attempt at imparting practical information, the narrative's tone is relentlessly sticky-sweet, with all too many silly jokes ("the best way to thaw a turkey... blow in his ear"). Agent, Peter McGuigan at Sanford Greenberger. (On sale Apr. 25) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From the Back Cover "Funny, wise, charming, and smart . . . GRITS deserves a place on your shelf between *Gone With the Wind* and the Memphis Junior League cookbook." —Fannie Flagg, from her foreword to *The GRITS Guide to Life* "A chance for all Girls Raised in the South to revel in our wonderfulness—and a fine attempt at explaining us to everyone else." —Jill Connor Browne, author of *The Sweet Potato Queens' Book of Love* About the Author Debbie Ford was an internationally recognized expert in the field of personal transformation. She was the best-selling author of many books, including: *The Dark Side of the Light Chasers*, *The Secret of the Shadow*, *Spiritual Divorce*, *The Right Questions*, *The Best Year of Your Life*, *Why Good People Do Bad Things*, *The 21-Day Consciousness Cleanse*, and *The Shadow Effect*. A transformational coach, speaker, and teacher for more than 20 years, Debbie created the renowned *Shadow Process Workshop*, was the executive producer of *The Shadow Effect* transformational documentary, and founder of The Ford Institute, the world-renowned personal and professional training organization. Visit: www.DebbieFord.com.