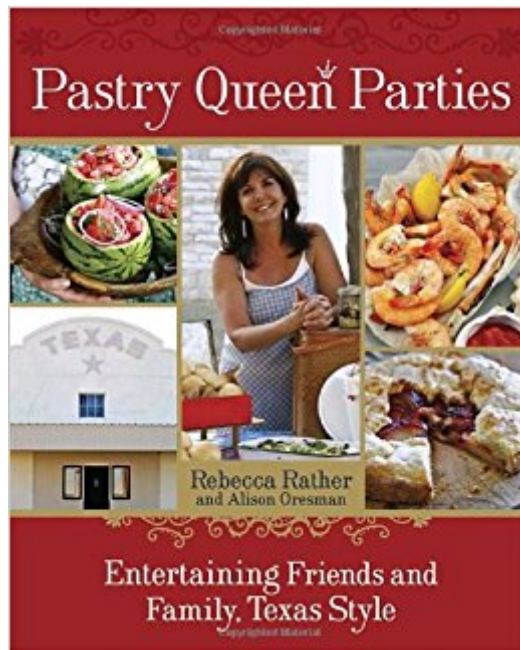




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# Pastry Queen Parties: Entertaining Friends And Family, Texas Style



## Synopsis

No one captures big-hearted, big-hatted Texas hospitality like Rebecca Rather. In *Pastry Queen Parties*, her eagerly awaited third book, Rebecca celebrates her home state's love of good company and great food. Traversing the Lone Star state's rich culinary landscape, Rebecca offers up a bevy of revel-ready menus for: A West Texas ranch-style supper A Tex-Mex hacienda dining in San Antonio A Gulf Coast summer beach bonanza A small town homecoming picnic A big city cocktail party A sweet and sunny Hill Country garden party More than 100 recipes for starters, sides, main dishes, desserts, and drinks showcase Rebecca's bold and bounteous style of cooking. There's mouth-watering inspiration on every page: dig into a West Texas-sized plate of Beer-Braised Short Ribs, Green Tomato Macaroni and Cheese, and Butter Beans and Mixed Greens; or savor soul food San Antonio style with heaping helpings of Rosa's Red Posole and Fiesta Chiles Rellenos. But save room for one of Rebecca's justly famous desserts: maybe a piece of that sky-high Giant Chocolate Cake with Cowboy Coffee Frosting, or a couple of Chubby's White Pralines, or hey, those S'mores Cupcakes look pretty great . . . . Plentiful stories and useful cooking and entertaining tips from Rebecca and other great Texas hosts and hostesses, a roster of "party express" recipes to pull together quickly, and more than 100 gorgeous scenic and food photos from across the state, make *Pastry Queen Parties* an irresistible invitation to do it up big, Lone Star style.

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## Customer Reviews

A former caterer, Rather (The Pastry Queen) knows how to entertain, explain and keep things fun and manageable. This entertaining title for home cooks by the Texas native is full of creative and fun dishes that span the state. The six chapters are broken down by region and event and include Gulf Coast Beach Bash; San Antonio Tex-Mex Fiesta; and West Texas Dinner Party. Recipes for appetizers, mains, side dishes, desserts and cocktails showcase seasonal produce and include designated Party Express selections that can be prepared in an hour or less. Southern classics such as spoon bread, seafood gumbo, chicken-fried steak and sweet tea are balanced with Mexican and Mexican-inspired dishes such as posole, fajitas and chiles rellenos. Kitschy selections like hostess-with-mostest cupcakes, Corona sorbet and layered salad in a jar add to the mix. Color photos and essays on Texas traditions, residents and life give readers a feel for not only the big, bold flavors but the unique spirit of the Lone Star state. (Oct.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

\* Pastry Queen Rebecca Rather's 100+ hit recipes for Texas-style parties and gatherings. \* Rather's previous two books have sold more than 80,000 copies, and PASTRY QUEEN CHRISTMAS won the 2008 IACP cookbook award in the American category.

Rather has demonstrated with her other cookbooks that she brings the Southern charm and style to her pastries and other culinary offerings. Here she turns to one of her passions, partying Texas style. A Texas native, she related her desire to do such a book after a lifetime of enjoying Texas partying and her catering biz, etc. So, this wonderful work is organized around the different Texas regions and their partying specialties: e.g. Hill Country, Gulf Coast, Big City, etc. What I find exceptional about this colorful and exciting offering is the writeup on each of these and the absolutely great color photos is one of my favorite things about it. There are so many enticing recipes in this collection, and what is great about them is that one can either mix and match, or go with a theme party as this cookbook is organized around. Those that intrigue me to try include: Roasted Beet Salad with Spicy Pecans and Fresh Chevre; Watermelon Salads with Tequilla-Lime Dressing; Layered Salad in a Jar; Butterscotch Brownies with Brown Sugar Butter Icing; Fiesta Chile Rellenos; Key-Lime Coconut Cream Cake; Mary's Crayfish Pies; Stuffed Bandera Quail with Pepper Glaze; Sohnne's Mama's Double Decker Blackberry Cobbler. A great Texas addition to one's collection.

I also have this cookbook in a hard copy and have all of her cookbooks. The first cookbook is still

my favorite, but I've used recipes in all of them. These are not artisan recipes, but recipes you can use every day.

I have all 3 of the Pastry Queen cookbooks, and have discovered you can rely upon them to be your fall-back recipe for every dish they cover. My whole family loves it when I get a new cookbook of hers, as they know lots of good food will soon follow. Off the top of my head, I know we've had enchiladas, beans and rice from this one, plus the home-made Hostess cupcakes, while looking difficult, were out of this world delicious and easy.

This is a very well-written recipe book that reads more like a friend's collection of helpful hints and tips for successful parties. She has some rather unique ideas, themes, and recipes and the book overflows with colorful photos. This is not a cookie-cutter cookbook! Although some of the recipes are too sophisticated for my tastes, most are versions of down-home comfort foods -- usually with a unique twist either within the recipe or in the presentation.

Rebecca Rather and Alison Oresman have done another great cookbook. These party recipes are adaptable for a variety of occasions, from parties to at home dining. The writing is informative and interesting and catches the spirit of celebrations. Indexed and complete with lovely photographs. Instructions and ingredient lists are clear and easy to follow. This book is a fine follow-up to Pastry Queen and Pastry Queen Christmas. Need not be limited to Texas parties!

It's all too easy to google recipes, but some cookbooks are with buying, and this is one of them. Chock full of useful, everyday and unique recipes, such as the walnut baked beans; always a bbq favorite. As a Texan, I appreciate the Texas foundation in this cookbook. I love it.

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I love Rebecca Rather cookbooks that I also have hardcover and digital copies of same ... The recipes are enjoyable to read

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