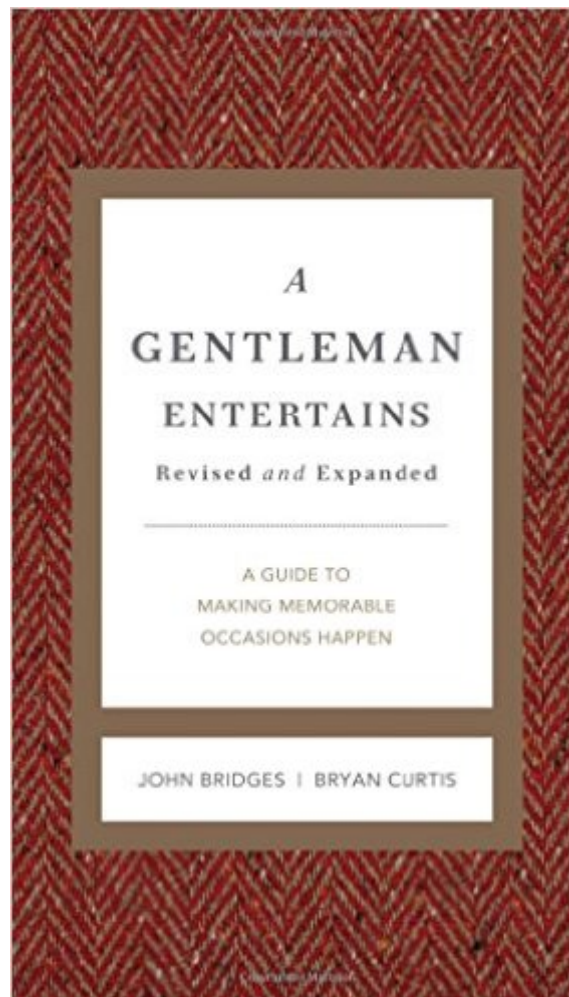


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# A Gentleman Entertains Revised And Updated: A Guide To Making Memorable Occasions Happen (Gentlemanners)



## Synopsis

Here's a thought. Entertaining isn't just something that happens when the ladies decide to break out the good china. Any gentleman who enjoys the company of friends, a delicious meal, or a great drink should know how to host a gathering. So shove those frozen burritos out of the way and make some room in the freezer for your stainless steel ice bucket. It's time to entertain. John Bridges and Bryan Curtis have mapped out everything you need to know for any occasion, from dinner parties to tailgate potlucks. Whether you're hosting clients for a business lunch at an upscale restaurant or corralling your rowdy friends for a weekend cookout, these are the fundamentals you'll need to ensure you and your guests have a memorable time. The details have been wrangled out already—all that's left is for you to sit back and enjoy the company of your favorite people.

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## Customer Reviews

"A Gentleman Entertains" takes a surprisingly unpretentious look at men entertaining, though the book is by no means without merit for women readers. The practical advice and simple, elegant recipes cover a broad range of entertaining scenarios, from casual cocktail parties at home to dining out, to family reunions. The South is perhaps the only place left where it is still fashionable to be genteel, and Bridges lives up to his Southern upbringing without coming across stuffy. Leaving no stone unturned, the book touches on everything from tipping to starting a charcoal grill to choosing the wine. Though the title suggests a certain level of sophistication, the author is just as quick to

advise readers to use paper plates when the situation dictates as he is to recommend the proper way to garnish a cocktail. Bridges writing style is crisp and on the wry side, though he had more room to shine in "Keeping Up," a delightful series of essays on his upbringing in Slapout, Al., as well as witty observations on life and martinis. I would have liked to have seen him cut loose in this book a little more stylistically, but being the proper gentleman that he is, he wrote a respectable book suitable for any coffee table. It is a fine follow up to his previous outing, "How to be a Gentleman." I recommend it to anyone who is looking for the kind of practical advice on entertaining that bears repeating and never goes out of style.

This is a rare book that actually deserves 5 stars. Most books in this genre (including some in this series) are too superficial to be of any help but Bridges does a great job of filling each page of this little book with helpful, practical hints. There isn't much in the way of recipes or cooking specifics, but that isn't the idea here. Spend \$12 on this and \$12 on a cook book and you will be set. In conclusion, the two best things I can say for this are: 1. I have not had to call my mom for any entertaining, non-cooking questions since I got this book. 2. My wife has looked things up in this book.

i skimmed thru it, i mostly purchased it for my husband so he can see in print how a nice dinner party is supposed to be. but it does have some great info for single men, and has a large range of gathering types, & a lot of information on how to prepare for these.

This book is a good reference for hosting people. It contains a wealth of information on entertaining people. The authors cover a wide variety of things for entertaining people: preparations for entertaining, 101 things about entertaining covering a MULTITUDE of aspects, glossary of terms, advice for disasters and a list of basic equipment and other items for entertaining people. The bulk of the book is dedicated to speaking directly on how to host particular events: 1) cocktail parties, 2) romantic dinners, 3) holiday dinners, 4) dinner parties, 5) TV / movie parties, 6) tailgating, 7) cookouts, 8) brunch, 9) business lunch, 10) dinner at a restaurant, 11) hosting out of town guests and 12) full-house cocktail party. In nearly each of these entertaining scenarios, the authors provide information in the following order: 1) practical advice (what to do), 2) how to make it happen and 3) recipes. They also have advice for specific parts of entertaining in those scenarios (e.g., how to set a table and how to serve dinner). The consistency of organization in those sections is very helpful. Overall, this is a great source of information for how to entertain people for specific events. They

give advice that seems to cover every aspect of entertaining. Although I do not agree with everything that they say, most of it is practical and helpful.

I've now bought several of these "A Gentleman....." books for gifts for my brother. They have all been great gifts. This one has the normal tips and guidelines that the other ones have and it also has recipes and diagrams for how to set different types of tables. My brother has loved all of them.

A great, easy read, filled with practical advice. This book takes the "who me??" out of cool entertaining. Highly recommended by the editors of SharpMan.com.

Extremely repetitive book. It can be summarized as follows:- Do not spend more on a party than you can comfortably afford- Make sure to have sufficient ice in your house- The larger the group of people, the earlier you start to plan / invite- Make sure that all your guests are drinking / eating from the same stuff (not enough china, then use plastic for everybody)- Make sure to have sufficient ice in your house- Make sure to have sufficient ice in your house....I feel this book could have easily been written in 20 pages or less, using the same page-layout (every page has at least 50% of space).It also misses a lot of content which I expected when it comes to a title such as 'a gentleman entertaining' as it does not really go into any entertaining at all. Instead, it focuses only on the preparations, which are extremely superficial and a lot of the stuff he writes really does not make or break a good time. If you are looking to throw a cocktail party or host a dinner, you are much better off spending a few bucks on a book on cocktails and/or cooking as the quality will far exceed the few recipes you will find here..

This book is one for any gentleman that needs a few recipes. It lays out guidelines for entertaining on several levels and touches on good points to keep in mind. Worth the purchase.

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