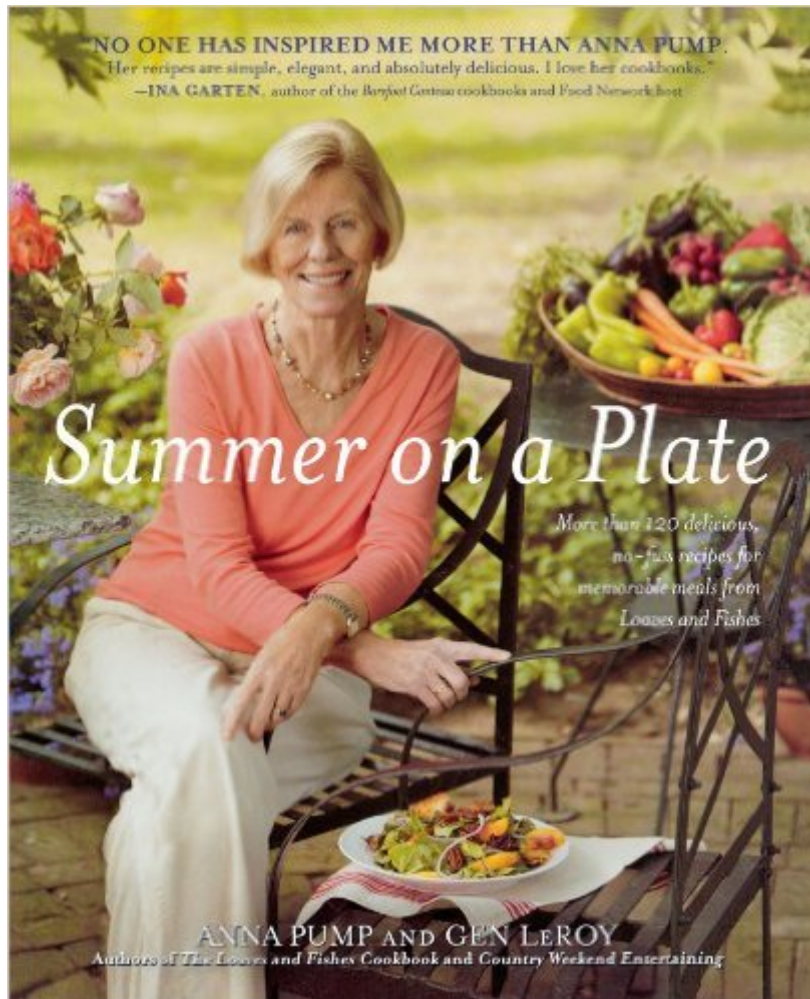


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Summer On A Plate: More Than 120 Delicious, No-fuss Recipes For Memor



Synopsis

Wherever you are, summer is a time to savor longer days and lazy weekends. Fresh produce abounds, and life moves at a more relaxed pace. Anna Pump, proprietor of the iconic Loaves & Fishes store on Long Island, has catered to a devoted clientele of Hamptons weekenders for more than twenty-five years and understands summer's rhythms. She knows that while you may want to enjoy a picnic on the beach or a late supper on the porch, you don't want to spend the entire day in the kitchen, painstakingly preparing elaborate dishes. In *Summer on a Plate* she shares more than 120 recipes for delicious, no-fuss, memorable meals that celebrate the bounty of summer. Anna never confuses simple with ordinary. A distinctive first course of Avocado Mousse and Shrimp on Tortilla Chips comes together in a flash. Chilled Tomato and Cucumber Soup with Seasoned Croutons makes a light and refreshing midday meal, and Spicy Corn Fritters with Salmon Caviar Dip are just the thing to set out for your weekend guests when a sunny Saturday on the beach turns into breezy evening on the deck. Many dishes can go straight from the grill to the table, like Grilled Tenderloin of Beef with Fresh Herb Sauce or Perfect Whole Grilled Chicken with Plum Chutney. In the mood for seafood? Halibut Baked with Olives, Lemons, and Fresh Basil is a snap to prepare and full of fresh flavors. And what would summer be without salads? Serve Black Mission Figs with Goat Cheese and Upland Cress to begin a dinner party, while the Magret of Duck and Wild Rice Salad or the Asian-Flavor Beef, Pepper, and Spinach Salad are meals in themselves. If your favorite part of the meal is dessert (like Anna!) you won't be disappointed. Chocolate Chunk Orange Cake is a sweet ending to any meal (or even a sweet breakfast) and is just as satisfying with a cup of midafternoon coffee. Rhubarb Blueberry Pie or a Peach Tart with Almond Topping and a Cookie Crust take advantage of the best of su

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Customer Reviews

Everyone in our family has chosen one and sometimes two recipes out of this book (at the same time) to prepare for dinner parties this summer. Anna Pump has done it again. I have all of her books and this one is right up there. The layers of flavors in the dishes are marvelous. Recently our guests raved about her Creamed Carrot soup with Ginger and Lime. Her Citrus-Marinated Salmon is fantastic as well as her Blueberry Crumble and her Blueberry-Rhubarb Pie. Enjoy! It would make a great house gift! Julie S.

I found out about Anna Pump and *The Loaves and Fishes* through Ina Garten (the Barefoot Contessa). Ina dedicated her latest cookbook to Anna and also showcased Anna's marmalade on her cooking show. On this recommendation alone, I purchased "Summer on a Plate." This is a fantastic book full of mouth-watering recipes that utilize fresh ingredients and simple, clean flavors. Recipes such as a chilled Strawberry Soup use citrus and sour cream to really bring home the wondrous flavors of fresh berries. I am sorry to say that the book is not as beautiful as its written content. The pages are thin and, honestly, somewhat cheap looking. There is a slim insert of color pictures (which look nice), but I can only imagine how this book would look full of vibrant pictures and crisp pages. The layout in no way affects the recipes, but I think the recipes deserve better! In fact, I recently spotted this book in a bargain section of the bookstore...which is a crime! It is one of my simplest (and yet most appetizing) cookbook purchases in recent memory. Don't be fooled by any discount you see...or judge this book by its look. Take a peek at the recipes and you'll see why Anna Pump and "Summer on a Plate" deserve five stars! Highly recommended to fans of Ina Garten and those who champion fresh ingredients and clean flavors.

Summer is a time for lazy weekends and longer days - and cooking should be the same. A catering proprietor provides easy yet unique dishes in *SUMMER ON A PLATE*: over 100 gourmet dishes for non-fuss, hot-weather meals. From Grilled Beef with Herb Sauce to Warm Tuna Sandwich with Ginger-Lemon Sauce, it's packed with unusual dishes not to be found elsewhere. No color photos - but the easy dishes don't need embellishment to appeal to any cookbook fan or lending library focusing on unique recipe collections. Diane C. Donovan California Bookwatch

I was referred to this cookbook on Ina Garten's blog. I live in Florida many months where it's summer all the time and wanted some recipes for this lifestyle. The recipes are incredible. Just last night I made the Shrimp Cakes with Herb Mayonnaise. I cook all the time and this recipe was one of the best I've ever made. They tasted as good as a seafood cake you'd get at a top New England restaurant. I can't wait to try my next recipe.

...but not well enough to keep it. I debated between three & four stars, then decided that four was more appropriate. That is because most of my complaints are unique to me: things like just knowing I won't be cooking from it because most of the recipes are either things I already do or use ingredients we don't care for. Our condo association doesn't allow grilling on balconies. This book is so much about eating outside and grilling. Those things don't make it a bad book, just one that's not suitable for my library. It's a really good book for the right audience, with one exception: the lack of pictures in this day is a serious lacking for a cookbook. We've grown used to having that gloriously styled image of "what the dish is supposed to look like" when it's plated, or served. There are a few (nicely done) pics toward the end, but not enough. Recommended for most, especially for people who have backyards, or can otherwise use a grill. The recipes are delicious sounding, and fairly simple/easy. Good for summer.

Got this book in response to the author's unfortunate and untimely death this past summer. Love her impact on food, her gracious and bountiful nature. Gave it 4 stars. Only because my palate/pocketbook are less than perfect matches with hers.

Love all Anna's recipes. They are so fresh and easy. Also fun to see her on the Barefoot Contessa in her store.

Because I do not eat a lot of the seafood mentioned, it won't be a book I will use as much, but that is no fault in the author as her reputation is well known as is the restaurant. I will use it more for the other recipes and she writes beautifully.

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