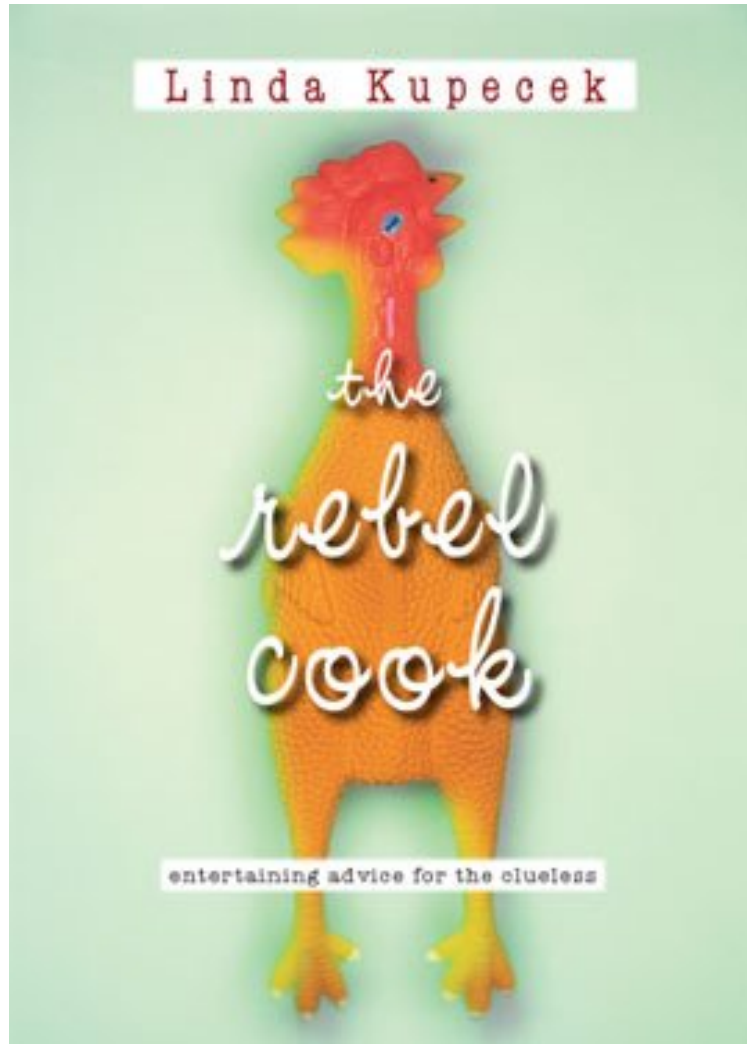


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Great Book for a "Person With Two Left Spoons"By Story Circle Book ReviewsLinda Kupecek loves to entertain. I don't think I've ever come across anyone so obsessed with giving dinner parties. Unfortunately, as she readily admits, she is a person with two left spoons. Her mother told her, "Darling, with all your brains and talent, don't waste your precious energy in the kitchen." But Kupecek continues to wander around the kitchen, struggling with recipes that never turn out as they should, and is unapologetic because she is The Rebel Cook.Kupecek's great sense of humor delights us with the tales of how she (and we, too) can deviously, carefully, and cleverly invite people for dinner and show them a good time without any skills whatsoever in the

kitchen. She shares her secrets to improve the world. To begin with, you must prepare the guest list, realizing that the most important component is the right mix of people. The author even supplies guidelines and advises you to only invite people you genuinely like and want to celebrate with, and who will forgive any and all faux pas. Next is the menu. You can stick to the basics or experiment and be creative. Think of a recipe like homework... If you get lucky and get a passing grade, it will encourage you to try harder next time. The author also advises her readers to create a good first impression of their homes and themselves. A clean house keeps guests from forming a poor opinion of what lies ahead. Hopefully, your guests will not look in the cupboards or count the dust bunnies. She tells us to dazzle them with decor and then confound them with clutter. You want to reassure them, not frighten them. And, of course, appropriate garb is a must for the event. Remember, no matter what else you wear, put an apron over it. That makes the statement, "I am actually cooking something." And then the doorbell rings. The evening has begun. Strap your apron to your loins, down a glass of something strong, and open that door. The Rebel Cook is ready for the performance because it's "show time!" This book is a fun way to pass the afternoon. It makes me want to throw caution to the wind and at least think about giving a dinner party. Or not. by Doris Anne Roop-Benner for Story Circle Book Reviews[...] reviewing books by, for, and about women

The doorbell rings - it's show time! Stop blubbering into your apron, down that glass of red, and drag yourself to the door to greet your guests with a smile. You, the Rebel Cook, the one with two left spoons, will lead the evening's expedition. By midnight, with any luck, your guests will be so beguiled by the decor, the music, and the clever conversation that they won't have a free moment to stop and consider the limitations of the meal. Become a Rebel Cook: a non-cooking host or hostess with so many devious tricks hiding under the dinner plates that your innocent guests will have a great time, regardless of what you have done to the food. This is not a cookbook! Think of it as a cheat sheet for the culinary clueless or a survival guide for the hopelessly inept and fearlessly hospitable. It is a call to arms for all of you, who, like the author, are terrified of hosting a dinner party. Author Linda Kupecek offers her secrets to a successful soiree - from the clueless to the clueless with love. Rebel in the kitchen and join the author as she stuns, terrifies, and stops clocks with what she presents at table, yet continues bravely to entertain. She calls and they come - like lemmings.

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