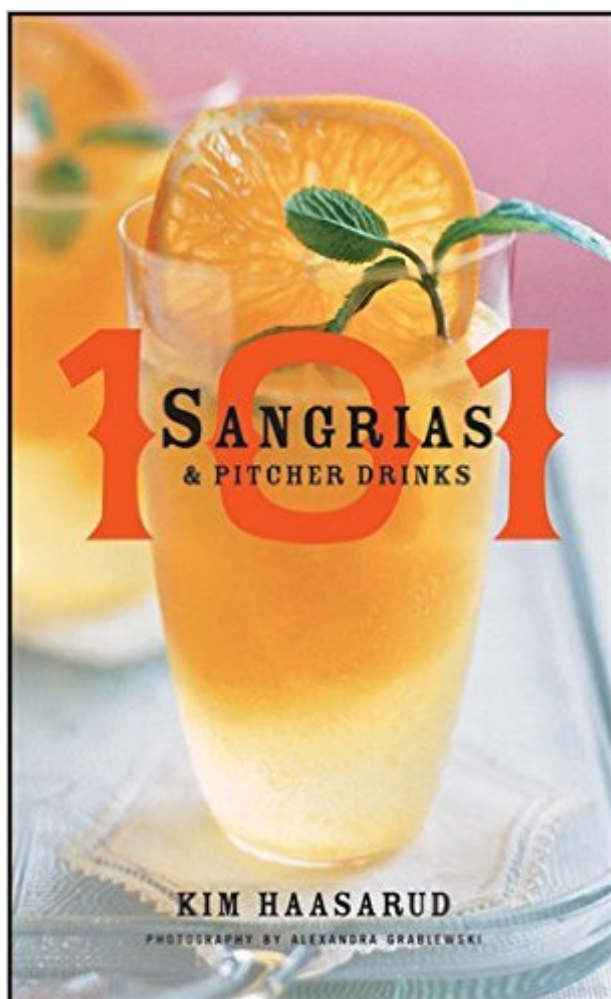


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101 Sangrias And Pitcher Drinks



Synopsis

"Welcome to the wonderful world of sangrias and punches, names that conjure up good times with great friends. Go get some wine, hit the local produce market, grab a few spirits and ice, and have at it. Enjoy!"--From 101 Sangrias & Pitcher Drinks

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Customer Reviews

This book is probably the best Sangria Book on the market to date. It offers simple step by step explanations on how to carry out the delicious recipes. And, I'll let the cat out of the bag, the restaurant that I used to bartend at used this book for its recipes. So whether or not your a pro bottle spinning drink mixer or family person who likes hosting get togethers, the recipes in this book will make people think you are a pro because the exposures of flavors will be something they've never tasted or purchased. The sangrias were so popular we began selling them by pitchers and pitchers to go. Keep in mind, many of the recipes require that the fruits and alcohols sit for hours or even days to allow the natural flavors and sugars to merge, this is possibly the biggest secret to making a successful sangria or pitcher drink so plan ahead. Trust me these recipes are tastebud approved!

I heard the author talk about this book on the radio a long time ago. I finally picked up a copy. Thumbing through this book made me so thirsty I couldn't stand it. It's winter...only blueberries are in season right now. I picked up all the necessary ingredients for the blueberry pomegranate sangria

and mixed it up in a plastic pitcher (I didn't have a glass or ceramic one at the time). I didn't wait for it to rest and blend like I was supposed to. Just poured myself a glass right away.

Best.Sangria.Ever. My boyfriend was having a flavored vodka tasting party at the time. I waltzed in with my sangria, and it was a huge hit!

First, the good--this book has 42 innovative and beautiful sangria recipes, along with some batched cocktails, seasonal punches, lemonades, etc. You could probably make just a few of these and justify the purchase price. Now, the not as good--in spite of the title, 25 of the recipes are inexplicably single-serving versions of mostly standard drinks (Mai tais, singapore slings, Pimm's cup), for which recipes are already readily available. The reader is assumed to be near well-stocked stores (yuzu fruit and hard-to-find spirits). A number of the batched drinks are fussy (shake each serving in a cocktail shaker)--to me, the whole point of a pitcher drink or punch is to make it easy on the host. Some of the punch recipes are for the base, then the reader is left to guess how much alcohol to add. Last, while there are some great tips on getting the most out of fruit, the book could have included quite a bit more on things making ice blocks or molds for cooling, containers, estimating serving sizes, how to "scale up" recipes (with large-scale recipes, it's seldom as easy as just doubling). I bought this book for a gift, but also ended up buying *Cocktails for a Crowd* to give with it, because *Cocktails for a Crowd* includes all the missing info, plus more than 40 batch cocktail and punch recipes, most of which are far easier to put together, but still delicious.

I really enjoy this cocktail book. The author Kim Haasarud has written three other books in the same series and they all have very tasty and creative drink recipes. The Sangria and Pitcher drinks offers perfect cocktail ideas for those summer night get-togethers with friends. The book is beautifully laid out, with gorgeous pictures accompanying the cocktails. The author provides easy to follow recipes to prepare simple syrup and fresh sour used in many of the cocktails in this book. A must have in your cocktail collection!

Great party book to give some new ideas on an old party favorite. I included this book in a gift basket with the makings of a great Bellini and Bloody Mary. We enjoyed trying some of these recipes first. It was fun!

Only have tried one, the Blueberry/Pomegranate Sangria, it was delicious and enjoyed by all who drank it. Many of the recipes sound wonderful - I was originally skeptical about using cognac in a

sangria, but the flavors blended so well that it did not take over the essence of the fruit.

I received this book as a birthday gift a year ago, and now count it as one of my best birthday gifts ever. My husband and I enjoy picking a new recipe to try on the weekend, and then look forward to making the recipe all week. This book is extremely easy to use and fun to look at. Plus, every recipe I've tried (and I've tried quite a few) has been absolutely delicious and unique. Now, whenever we are invited to a party or barbeque, our friends ask us to bring the sangria! And we are more than happy to oblige.

Bought this to give as a gift with a punch bowl set as a wedding present and it was a huge hit! Lots of good ideas and a neat alternative for people who enjoy wine as novices and want to mix it up or those who entertain! Full of hits!

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