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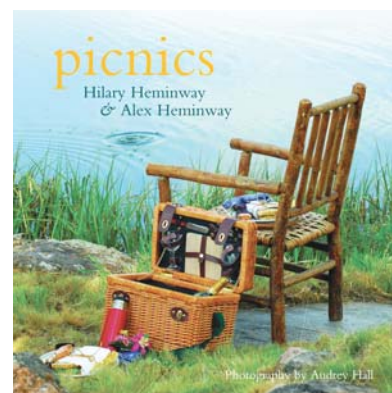
“Summer afternoon...the two most beautiful words in the English language.” —Henry James

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JUST IN TIME FOR SUMMER, *Picnics* by Hilary Heminway and Alex Heminway is a veritable treasure trove of ideas for planning the perfect outing. With its fresh twists on this timeless pleasure, you will want to abandon all your previous picnic-related notions (bologna and cheese, anyone?) in exchange for simple yet elegant ways to spend an afternoon in the park, the beach or just about anywhere.

Prefer to dine alone? Pack a picnic breakfast for one and watch the sunrise. Traveling on a plane? Ditch the stale airport food and enjoy a Black Forest ham and Gruyère cheese Ciabatta sandwich at 30,000 feet. Enjoy a theme picnic on the African plains, live like royalty with a picnic at high tea, or saddle up the horses and dine on the trail. You can even enjoy a picnic in inclement weather with the book’s “In Case of Rain” ideas and “Chilly Weather Chili” recipe, among many others. In short, there’s a picnic to suit everyone’s taste, style and weather preference.

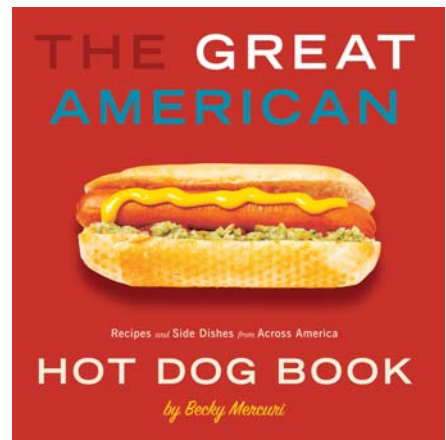
Whether you prefer a casual beachside soiree or a formal backyard gathering, you won’t be disappointed with *Picnics*. The creative ideas, recipes and aesthetically pleasing photography will make your mouth water and have you dusting off your picnic basket in no time.



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AS AMERICAN AS APPLE PIE AND then some, the hot dog has practically become synonymous with the Fourth of July—ironic considering that the concept originated in Germany. Nevertheless, centuries of practice aimed at perfecting the hot dog have helped propel it to virtual reverence in the American consciousness—particularly when it comes to summer barbeques and entertaining. Now, *The Great American Hot Dog Book* by Becky Mercuri and its fabulous recipes from the greatest dog joints around the country is about to take your hot dog experience to a whole new level.

Even if you aren't interested in learning about a New York System wiener or the difference between a Michigan dog and a Chicago-style dog, you'll definitely want the book for recipes like the "Pastrami Burrito Dog" from the legendary Pink's Hot Dogs in Hollywood, California, or the "New Jersey Italian Hot Dog," courtesy of Charlie's Famous Italian Hot Dogs in Kenilworth, New Jersey. And since the book features every kind of dog imaginable, your summer shindig menus will be set for decades to come.

Before you break out the tongs, mitts and "kiss the grill master" apron, take a few minutes to peruse *The Great American Hot Dog Book*, then dazzle your guests with your newfound talent for creating the ultimate haute dog.