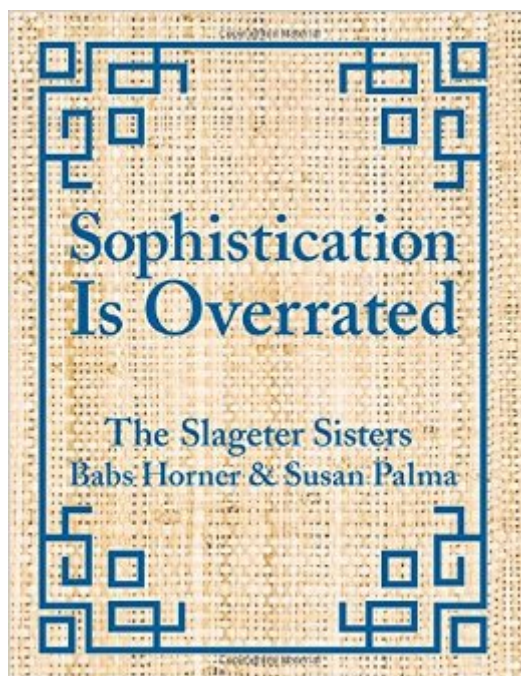


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# Sophistication Is Overrated



## Synopsis

Leave your preconceptions at the door: this is a coffee table book with a twist â€” and one youâ€™ll actually use! In *Sophistication Is Overrated*, youâ€™ll find delicious recipes as well as tips and tricks for truly unforgettable, and ridiculous, entertaining. Written by Babs Horner, a gourmet caterer, and her sister Susan Palma, an interior decorator â€” better known as the Slageter sisters â€” the book is a testimony to both refinement and fun. In it, you can learn to make your party â€œSo Chicâ€• with elegant crafts and decor, or go â€œSo Slageterâ€• with rubber chickens, wacky costumes, blow-up dolls and a healthy dose of humor. Whether youâ€™re planning an anniversary, Mardi Gras, or a childâ€™s birthday, Babs and Susan know how to bring the goods. At the heart of all the shenanigans, however, are Babsâ€™s gourmet recipes, which are big on flavor, light on butter, and sure to please at any occasion. Along with these, youâ€™ll find unique arrangement insights from Susan and her years of decorating experience. So stick your tongue firmly in your cheek and learn to entertain the Slageter way: with humor, heart, and above all, delicious food.

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## Customer Reviews

Retired after 40 years to experience the complicated life my wife had in the kitchen preparing meals while raising 3 kids underfoot. She now has a challenging job she loves and I am the one in the kitchen preparing the dinners. It's certainly challenging, but not fun. Relating my woes to some friends one day, three of them recommended *Sophistication is Overrated*. I asked how the heck a book called that would raise my spirits in the kitchen. They assured me it would. Well, it has! Two reasons: I no longer have any worry that any of the recipes in the book will challenge my culinary

talents...they are all very basic and simple and more importantly the results are spectacular. Guests have complimented me on the dishes with statements like: "Invite me over anytime..the meal was spectacular! Can I have the recipe?" That didn't happen much before. I used to hear comments like: "Very nice meal" or "How tasty", etc. But the other benefit surpasses the recipes. There is now laughter in the kitchen! After preparing one of the recipes, I've ended up sitting down and reading the book...and laughing. Laughter has never happened in the kitchen before now. Can't wait for a second edition. Keep the recipes and humor coming!

The Slageter sisters, Babs and Susan, are SO refreshing and funny! The concept of Sophistication Is Overrated is wonderful. Mix some funny stories, great attitudes, wonderful recipes and beautiful photos into one tabletop book and you have the perfect formula for a fun book. The book is full of so many great stories you will read it over and over. It is so unique in style and there is a surprise on every page. I really encourage everyone to get a copy for your home.

Babs and Susan "Sue Sue" have finally put their spirited, creative party "how to's" in print and it is both hilarious and instructive. I look forward to throwing some Slageter Sisters inspired parties. Each party idea has a chapter devoted to fun, decoration, and delicious recipes, introduced by an inspiration story. Sounds like their parents were so intrepid and provided examples to their children of self-assured people who loved life. This is a joyful and highly entertaining book highlighted by beautiful photography and I highly recommend it to those of you who enjoy entertaining with parties your guests will talk about for years!!

A must purchase anytime of year as a birthday or hostess gift- plus one for yourself! Photography lends itself to a cocktail table, but you won't want it far from your kitchen either as two very talented sisters reveal their culinary and tablescape design secrets for eleven themed parties. Their personal inspirations and inside scoop will have you laughing out loud. The appendix of shopping fun sources at the back is a fabulous and user friendly resource for any party planner. Contagious enthusiasm and love of family and friends throughout. Can't wait for the sequel!!

Ladies and Gents, You are in for a treat, so get a glass of wine and enjoy this delightful book. Be prepared to laugh till your belly hurts and ooh and awe over these beautiful pictures which delight the eyes. Can't wait to try the recipes, they make me want to go off my diet. Oh and what about those cookies!!!

What a fun read. Very enjoyable and humorous, whether you entertain or not. The book is not about impressing others but rather having fun and not taking things too seriously. It is divided into eleven segments, each containing a concise dining experience, including many fabulous photographs of table settings, food, and hysterical family pictures. Each chapter reads like a short story with quirky family anecdotes. If the reader wants to attempt replication, feasible tips such as common stores for purchases and optional pricing ideas are provided. Every concept is readily attainable. More importantly, it reminds you of the bonds made through sharing time with others. It was kind of these sisters to share their family memories and, in doing so, encouraging us to make our own.

A great sense of humor is so necessary to really enjoy life - this book is hilarious! Great recipes-our family loved Stu's famous chili!

The photos, the stories, the food, the table-scapes! An engaging combination with humor that sets a tone of "I want to do that!" And perhaps, I can, with their extensive guide of sources. I have seen the work of these ladies at a Kappa fundraiser in Dallas. Chic table settings with a lot of fun thrown in. You just smile, and isn't that what every hostess wants? This book is a tribute to their family, past and present, and a guide for creative living. -

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