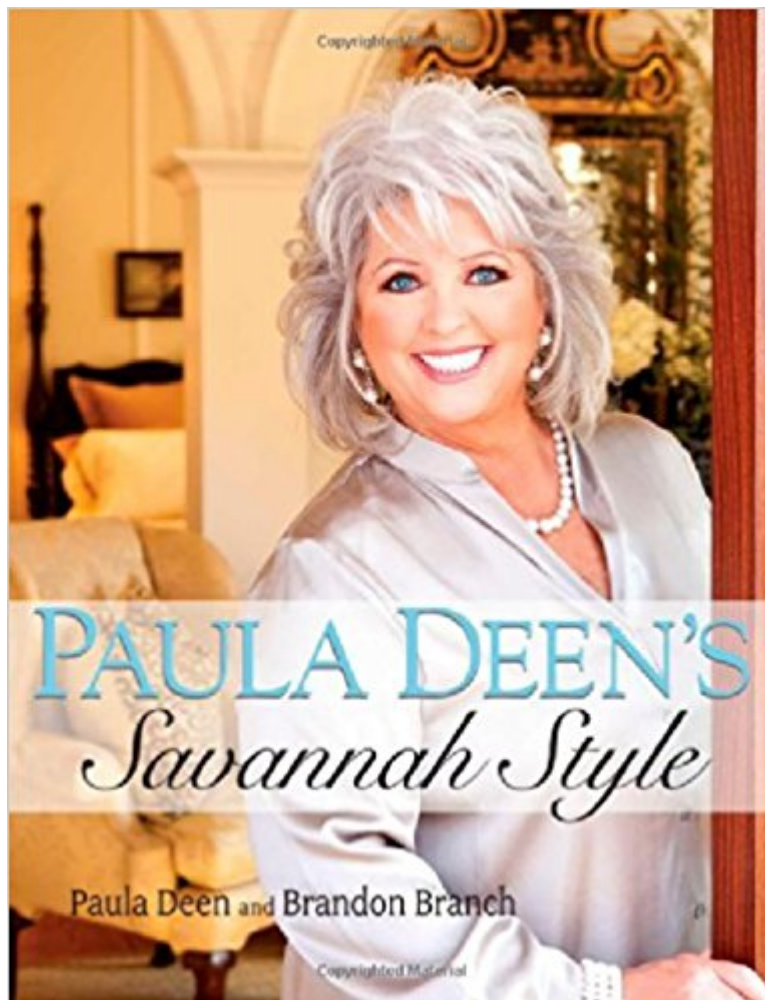




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Paula Deen's Savannah Style



Synopsis

With its lush gardens, stately town houses, and sprawling plantations, Savannah is the epitome of old Southern style, and who better to give you the grand tour than Paula Deen, the city's most famous resident and anointed Queen of Southern Cuisine? In this gorgeous, richly illustrated book, Paula Deen shares a full year of Southern living. Whether it's time to put out your best china and make a real fuss, or you're just gathering for some sweet tea on the porch at dusk, Savannah style is about making folks feel welcome in your home. With the help of decorator and stylist Brandon Branch, you'll learn how to bring a bit of Southern charm into homes from Minnesota to Mississippi. For each season, there are tips on decorating and entertaining. In the spring, you'll learn how to make the most of your outdoor spaces, spruce up your porch, and make your garden inviting. In the summer, things get more casual with a dock party. Sleeping spaces, including, of course, the sleeping porch, are the focal point of this chapter. In the fall, cooler weather brings a return to more formal entertaining in the dining room, and in the winter, attention returns to the hearth, as Paula and her neighbors put out their best silver and show you how they celebrate the holidays. Paula loves getting a peek at her neighbors' parlors, so she's included photographs of some of Savannah's grandest homes. From the vast grounds of Lebanon Plantation to the whimsically restored cottages on Tybee Island, you'll see the unique blend of old-world elegance and laid-back hospitality that charmed Paula the moment she arrived from Albany, Georgia, with nothing but two hundred dollars and a pair of mouths to feed. And she isn't shy about giving you a window into her own world, either. From her farmhouse kitchen to her luxurious powder room, you'll see how Paula lives when she's not in front of the camera. Packed with advice and nostalgia, Paula Deen's Savannah Style makes it easy to bring gracious Southern living to homes north and south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

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Customer Reviews

The Food Network queen of buttery Southern fare departs from publishing cookbooks to present a "with help from Branch, her personal assistant and creative director" a photo-laden guide (photos by Deborah Whitlaw Llewelyn) to her style of home decorating. Like Deen's food, the decor she highlights is welcoming and comfortable, and often over-the-top (music rooms complete with harps and grand pianos; oversized crystal chandeliers). She covers plenty of topics applicable to many readers, such as porch livin', the practical use of slipcovers, and collecting. There's not a house in Savannah that doesn't lovingly display a collection of plates, pottery, canes, ceramics, crafts, or anything that takes our fancy, she explains. The frequent Brandon's Style Secrets sidebars scarcely offer secrets, but they do contain nuggets of fun and time-tested wisdom: For your [holiday] flowers, use several tiny bunches instead of one big expensive arrangement. You will get the same look for less money. Though reading Deen's accent (nothin'; havin'; fixin') isn't as charming as hearing it, the prose is friendly, and the volume offers a warm invitation to those who want a peek at how Deen and her fellow Savannahans live. (Apr.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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--Publishers Weekly

Love Paula's new decorating book. It full of great ideas that are very very southern country but gorgeous. Every page has something beautiful. I am so thrilled that i bought this that i am thinking of buying my daughter, granddaughters, sisters and girlfriends all one. Makes a beautiful coffee table book.

Lovely book! The photos were spectacular, the instruction was pretty much how Paula talks which is cute, kitschy and very southern. The book is organized by season rather than room... not sure that was the most helpful arrangement. There are nice little notes from the designer on each photo.

Although, it might have been better if the main text content was from the designer with antidote blurbs from Paula because I was more interested in the instruction of how to build the design. However, the room designs are warm and inviting and the wonderful photos are just beautiful!

But I love everything about Paula Deen, books, show, (former), magazine and really just her. Devastated that her life she worked so hard to put together, great success demonstrating great wit and modesty has been destroyed. I am hoping she will be exonerated from making an error in judgement so many years ago. It is difficult to comprehend how the Food Network could dismiss her without finding out all the details of this pending case by a disgruntled employee. At least wait until the verdict is in before sentencing Paula Deen. "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone!" I will not watch the Food Network anymore since this occurrence. I believe all the stars on this network should watch their backs.

Loved this book

This is more of a bio than recipes. I was disappointed because I was expecting recipes.

This is a great book. Have gotten a lot of ideas. Have already tried a few. The pictures are beautiful.

Absolutely beautiful décor in this book, I share the same taste in home décor as Ms. Paula Deen whom I love dearly!

I purchased this book to show my support to Paula Deen. We are all human, we all make mistakes. I will no longer watch that network. I feel they should apologize to you for blowing this so far out of proportion. With that being said, I want to say this book was awesome. I loved the photography. A very enjoyable read. Best wishes to you Paula, you go girl, We love you!!!

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