

The Teashop Girls



Throw your own Tea & Treats party!

Perfect for
Mother-Daughter
Book Clubs!

Dear Reader,

Being in middle school can be pretty rough. Everything and everyone is changing so fast. And there are so many things to worry about all at once: school, family, crushes, jobs, and, last but definitely not least, friends.

Annie, Genna, and Zoe have been best friends forever. But with eighth grade ending, the girls are beginning to grow up and grow apart. When Annie takes a job at her grandmother's teashop, things begin to look up. In between whipping up chai lattes for customers, tasting new teas, and attempting to catch the attention of her barista boy crush, Annie is finally beginning to feel as sophisticated as her best friends. But an eviction notice spells trouble for the Steeping Leaf. Annie's ready with her multistep Save the Leaf Action plan, but will it be enough? Can Annie rally her friends to save the Leaf before the teashop and the Teashop Girls are history?

Fresh, honest, and sweet, *The Teashop Girls* is a coming-of-age story about first jobs, first crushes, and the friendships that see you through it all.

Included is everything you need to throw your own Tea & Treats party. So brew some tea, cook up some tasty treats, and invite your best girlfriends over for a party they'll never forget!

Sincerely,

The Children's Marketing Department
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DIRECTIONS: Decide how many friends you want to invite. Print out as many invitations as you will need, fill in the necessary information, and give them out to your friends! Make sure you include a phone number or an e-mail address that your friends can RSVP to.

You're Invited

To: A Tea & Treats party

Hosted by:

Date:

Time:

Location:

RSVP by:

Dress in your teatime best!

Can't wait to see you there...

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DIRECTIONS: Use these recipes at your party to ensure that you and your guests drink only the tastiest beverages!

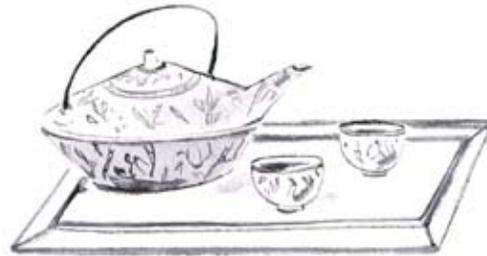
The Perfect Cup of Tea (makes 1 serving)

INGREDIENTS

Tea leaves
Water
Milk (optional)
Sugar (optional)
Honey (optional)
Lemon (optional)

DIRECTIONS

1. Bring fresh, cold water to a boil.
2. Pour water into a teapot containing a heaping tablespoon of your favorite tea leaves. Tea leaves should be placed in a tea ball or tea infuser, otherwise tea will need to be strained before it can be drank.
3. Let the leaves bloom and steep for three to five minutes.
4. Pour the tea into your favorite cup and add milk, sugar, lemon, or honey if you wish.
5. Sip and smile!



Sweet Seed Tea (makes 8 servings)

INGREDIENTS

8 teaspoons of loose tea leaves (your choice)
8 glasses cold water
1-1 1/2 cups sugar
Lemon slices (optional)
Ice cubes

DIRECTIONS

1. Put loose tea leaves in a pitcher. Add cold water.
2. Put the tea in the refrigerator. Let sit for 6 hours.
3. Strain the leaves, pour tea back into pitcher.
4. Add desired amount of sugar and stir until dissolved. Add lemon slices for extra taste, if desired.
5. Add ice cubes. Serve chilled.

Tea Pops

(makes 1 tray of ice pops)

INGREDIENTS

2 cups herbal tea, brewed double strength
1 cup orange juice
2 tablespoons sugar

DIRECTIONS

1. Brew hot tea using the amount of leaves you normally would. Let steep for 4 minutes, then allow time to cool.
2. Stir orange juice and sugar into cooled tea, then pour mixture into ice pop molds or ice cube trays. Leave room at the top—it will expand!
3. Place popsicle sticks inside each pop. Put in freezer and wait 3 hours, or until solid.
4. Enjoy your frozen treat!



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Carrot Cake

(serves 16)

INGREDIENTS

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| 2 cups flour | 1 1/2 cups canola oil |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 2 cups sugar |
| 2 teaspoons cinnamon | 4 eggs |
| 2 teaspoons baking soda | 3 cups grated carrots |

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Grease and flour a 9x13-inch pan.
2. Combine flour, salt, cinnamon, and soda in medium-sized bowl.
3. In a separate bowl, combine oil and sugar. Add eggs, flour mixture, and carrots.
4. Pour batter into pan. Bake for 45 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean.
5. Remove from oven. Cool.



Cream Cheese Frosting

(to accompany carrot cake—frosts one cake)

INGREDIENTS

- 1 8-ounce package cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 stick butter, room temperature
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 3/4 cup confectioners sugar
- Milk (if needed)

DIRECTIONS

1. Cream together cream cheese and butter.
2. Stir in vanilla and sugar. (Note: If stirring is difficult, add a little milk to make it easier).
3. Frost carrot cake.

Cupcake Brownies

(serves 18)

INGREDIENTS

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| 1 cup butter or margarine | 1 teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 4 1-ounce squares semisweet chocolate | 1 cup all-purpose flour |
| 4 eggs | 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans |
| 1 3/4 cups sugar | |

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350° F.
2. In small saucepan or double boiler over low heat, melt butter and chocolate. Cool for 10 minutes.
3. Beat eggs and sugar together in a bowl. Add chocolate mixture and vanilla. Stir in flour and nuts. (Note: Nuts can be left out).
4. Pour batter into paper-lined muffin cups, 2/3 full.
5. Bake 18-20 minutes or until brownies test done with a wooden toothpick. Cool.



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Party Activities!

Talk about *The Teashop Girls*!

Use these questions to discuss the book with your friends.

1. In the book, Annie, Zoe, and Genna work together to save something that's really important to them—the teashop. Do you have anything that's very important to you? Take turns talking about something that means a lot to you.
2. Of the three main characters, who are you the most like? Who do you identify with the least?
3. Annie is so excited to work in the teashop. What was your first job like? If you haven't had a job yet, what do you picture as your first job? Is there somewhere special you'd like to work?
4. Discuss what part of the book stands out in your mind the most. How did this part make you feel? Why did this part specifically stay with you?
5. Were you happy with the ending of the book? If you could rewrite it, would you? If so, how would your ending unfold?
6. The story is told from Annie's point of view. How do you think it would be different if it were Genna or Zoe who told the story?



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Teatime Games

Use these games to have some fun at your party!

GUESS THE TEA Have each girl bring a different flavor of tea to the party. Brew all the tea and put them into cups. Each girl must taste each one and try to guess the flavor. At the end, go around the circle and see what everyone's favorite flavor was!

P.S. The extra tea bags make great party favors!

MAKE YOUR OWN "TEA"-SHIRT For this one, each girl must bring a plain white T-shirt with her to the party. Brew tea like you normally would, and then let it cool. Put tea into squirt-type water bottles, and have each girl spray and decorate the shirt however she pleases. Any tea is fine, but different kinds of tea produce different colors. Try green tea or raspberry tea for different colors! Lay the shirts out in the sun to dry, and by the time the party is over, everyone will have a new "Tea-shirt" to take home!

BEAU-TEA-FUL REMEDIES Use these tea tricks at your party and every girl will leave feeling like a goddess! (Taken from Genna's Tea Goddess Beauty Tips)

- When you are done brewing the tea, don't throw away the tea bags. Instead, let them sit and cool on a plate. Once they've cooled, put on relaxing music and have each girl lie down with tea bags over her eyes. Do this for ten minutes.

- Give each other tea facials! Mix cornmeal, milk, and chamomile tea to create a facial mask. Have every girl apply the mask to her face, let the masks dry, leave on for ten minutes, and then rinse off. Your skin will feel so healthy!

TEA BINGO Print out the blank BINGO boards on the next page (you'll probably need to print the page more than once). At the beginning of the party, give each girl a board. Using the word bank below, have every girl put one word or phrase in each of the squares on her BINGO board. Throughout the party, the girls should cross off a word or phrase whenever it is mentioned. (For example, if someone says, "This scone is delicious!" each girl would cross off the box on her BINGO board with the word "scone" in it). To get BINGO and win the game, a girl must cross off five consecutive boxes (one horizontal, vertical, or diagonal row). If you'd like to give a prize out to the winner, a good idea would be a tea basket. Before the party, buy some tea items (such as a mug, different kinds of tea, sugar, wafers, etc.) and put them into a basket. Give the basket to the girl who gets BINGO first!

Note: It is important that every girl fills in her board in a different order. If everyone had the same order, everyone would get BINGO at the same time!

BINGO word bank: Tea, Scone, Cupcake, Sugar, Milk, Tea pot, Iced tea, Teashop Girls, Cake, Party, Annie, Genna, Zoe, Goddess, Chamomile, Friends, Tea shop, Beauty, Book, Facial, Games, Teaspoon, Mug, Tea cup

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BINGO Boards

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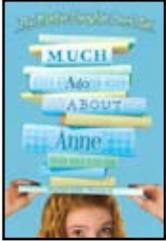
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Recommended Reading



MUCH ADO ABOUT ANNE

By Heather Vogel Frederick
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ISBN-10: 0-689-85566-4

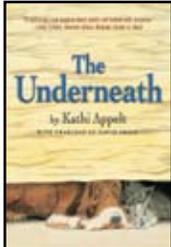
Follow Emma, Jess, Megan, and Cassidy through more of their middle school adventures as they are faced with new problems and conflicts to overcome. From a new member to a disastrous tea party to a high-stakes fashion show that almost tears the group apart, this book is an essential read.



THE TRUTH ABOUT MY BAT MITZVAH

By Nora Raleigh Baskin
ISBN-13: 978-1-4169-3558-2
ISBN-10: 1-4169-3558-4

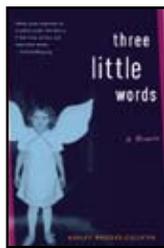
With a Jewish mom and a non-Jewish dad, Caroline isn't sure what she is. When her nana dies and leaves her a Star of David necklace, Caroline must learn a vital lesson about fitting in and finding an identity.



THE UNDERNEATH

By Kathi Appelt
ISBN-13: 978-1-4169-5058-5
ISBN-10: 1-4169-5058-3

An abandoned calico cat about to have kittens befriends a lonely hound dog. They are an unlikely pair, about to become an unlikely family. When the kittens are born, one kitten's curiosity sets off a chain of events that portrays the true power of love.



THREE LITTLE WORDS

By Ashley Rhodes-Courter
ISBN-13: 978-1-4169-4806-3
ISBN-10: 1-4169-4806-6

Ashley Rhodes-Courter spent nine years of her life in fourteen different foster homes. She was juggled between forty-four different caseworkers, all while dealing with painful memories of being taken from her home and physical abuse from a foster family. With three little words, Ashley discovers the power to break free from her past and embark on a new future.



I HEART YOU, YOU HAUNT ME

By Lisa Schroeder
ISBN-13: 978-1-4169-5520-7
ISBN-10: 1-4169-5520-8

Fifteen-year-old Ava is heartbroken when her boyfriend, Jackson, dies. But Jackson's spirit is unwilling to let go and has rooted itself in Ava's home. At first she is thrilled—until she realizes having a ghost for a boyfriend isn't easy or fulfilling. Will she be able to move on even though Jackson has not?