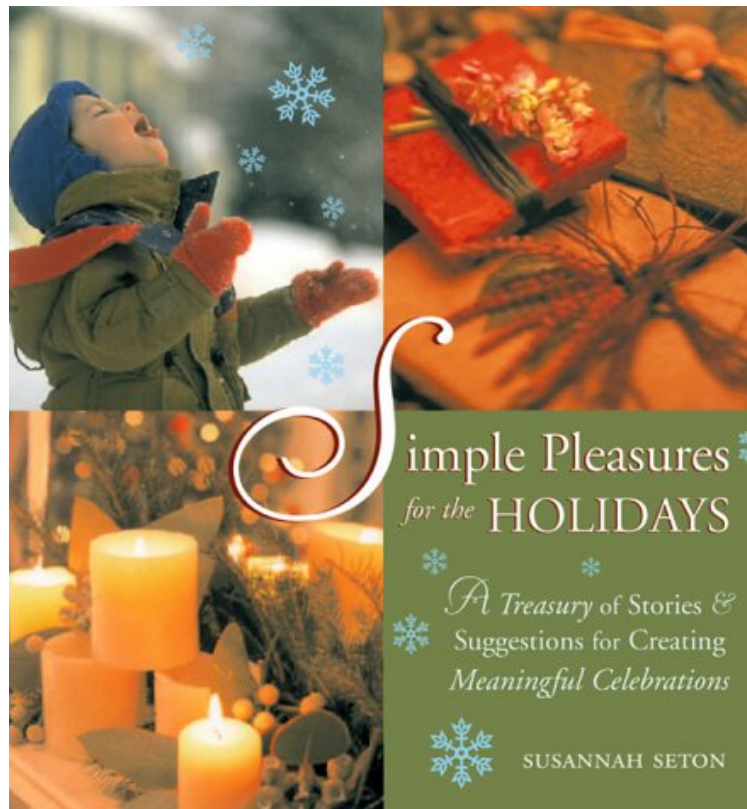


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According to the Trends Research Institute, simplicity will be the social movement of the next ten years. Sure to benefit from this is the holiday season, which is more stressful than satisfying for many people. In her fourth Simple Pleasures book, author Susannah Seton shows how to find true satisfaction in the holidays by making them less expensive, less frantic, and more meaningful. Simple Pleasures for the Holidays takes an expansive approach, covering Halloween, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, Hanukkah, the Mexican Day of the Dead, and Irish and Islamic holidays. The premise is that shared experience is what people value most, and the book itself - a collage of inspirational stories from people around the world along with recipes, crafts, and suggestions for communal fun - embodies this.

From BooklistYes, Virginia, there are less-material ways to celebrate the holidays. Seton compiles dozens of stories, suggestions, recipes, and easy-to-do crafts to delight kids and adults alike. Submitted by friends, relatives, colleagues, and online sources, these activities concern 15 mostly well known occasions, including the Mexican Day of the Dead, Guy Fawkes Day, Kwanzaa, and 'Id al-Fitre (the three-day feast at the end of the Ramadan fast). Ideas span the common to the extraordinary, from dressing as a mummy for Halloween to giving a jar of fortune cookies as a New Year's Eve gift. In fact, many fall into the "random acts of human kindness" category, such as anonymously prepaying a family merchandise layaway at the local Wal-mart. Recommendations from the heart. Barbara Jacobs

About the Author: Susannah Seton is the author of Simple Pleasures of the Home, Simple Pleasures of the Garden, Simple Pleasures for the Holidays, and co-author of Simple Pleasures: Soothing Suggestions and Small Comforts for Living Well Year-Round. She lives in Berkeley, California, with her husband and daughter.