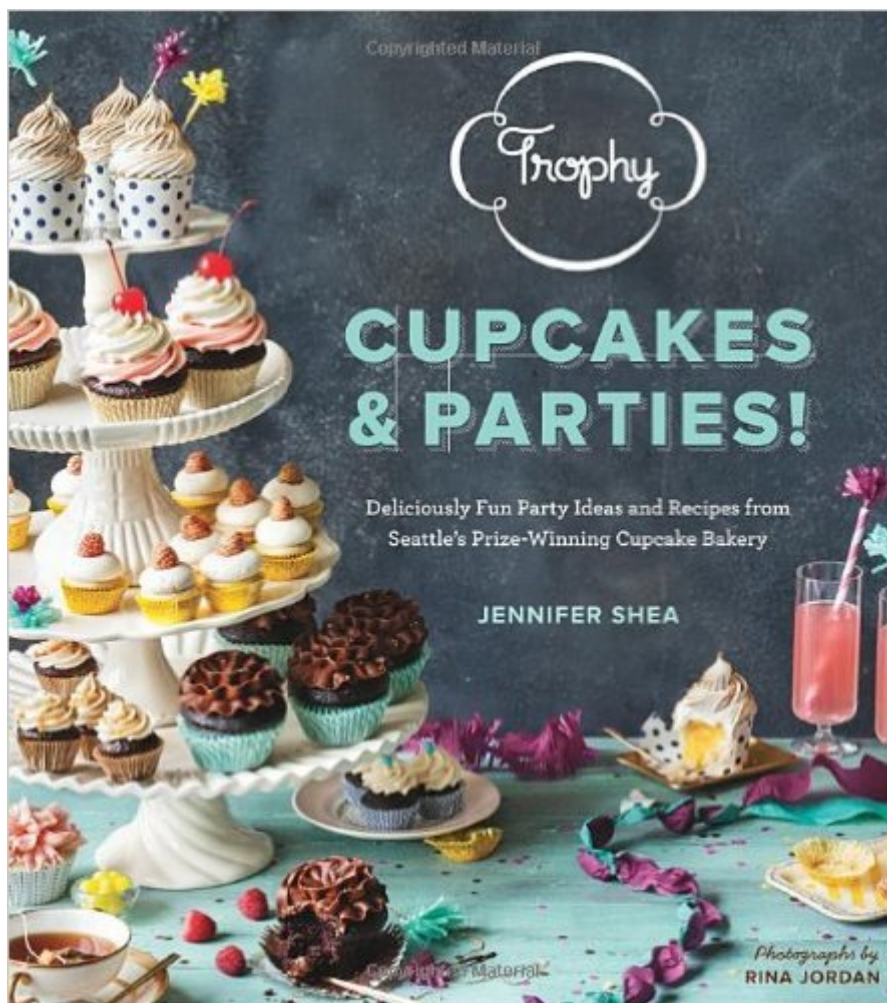


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# Trophy Cupcakes And Parties!: Deliciously Fun Party Ideas And Recipes From Seattle's Prize-Winning Cupcake Bakery



## Synopsis

Seattle's favorite cupcake bakery, Trophy Cupcakes and Party, is adored for its mouthwatering cupcakes and charming party favors. It's also the go-to place for anyone looking to throw a phenomenal celebration, and now their recipes and party secrets are yours in this essential guide for every occasion--from luxe soirées like a sparkling engagement celebration, or an exotic Moroccan-themed bash, to crafty kids' parties, such as a bike parade and picnic, or a forest fairy tea party. Inside are recipes for Trophy's most prized flavor--red velvet!--as well as their popular everyday flavors like salted caramel and triple chocolate, and unique ones such as piña colada, and a gluten-free orange almond rose. You'll also get the basics on how to dream up party themes, create DIY crafts, as well as decorating and entertaining ideas, and insider baking and frosting tips, all from Trophy founder Jennifer Shea.

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## Customer Reviews

I buy A LOT of baking, specialty cooking and crafting books. I write a baking, crafting and party blog, so I tend to think I know it all, ha, but still love to buy the books. Anyway, I was so blown away by the amount of detail in this book and the sheer volume of ideas. The recipes are fantastic, but this book is also such a good baking, crafting and party resource - for beginner crafters and bakers, but also for people who think they know it all...ha, like me. The party ideas and recipes are styled so well, they are super inspirational without being too fussy. The photography is amazing, and the crafting instructions are clear and precise. My favorite thing about the book is the page-by-page resource guide found at the end. Every prop, every tool, is catalogued and accounted for. So many

books gloss over this, and for people like me, people who know the basics, a lot of time the resources are mostly what I'm interested in. For beginners there's a great craft tool and baking tool top 10, some basic icing instructions, and a guide on how to find the best ingredients. The book is broken into sections with party ideas, and the party ideas include a recipe, a drink, a craft, and ideas for decorating. My favorite parties are: one inspired by Andy Warhol, SO original, and a Parisian themed one. But there are a lot of good ideas in each party. I'm just so impressed by the quality of this book. This is the type of detail and instruction for other baking and crafting books to aspire to. The ideas are original and easily adaptable. This project was obviously done without cutting any corners, and I really respect that.\*\* I would like to add I have tried 4 of the cupcake recipes and each of them is INSANELY yummy. The peanut butter buttercream is a sinful experience and I made myself an entire 3-layer-cake covered in it. The end.

I pre-ordered this book because I am a fan of Trophy Cupcakes. Once I got the book, I was impressed with the amount of thought and detail that went into every party from invite to decor to food. Additionally, the photos are gorgeous and very inspirational! Using this book, someone can easily host a 50th Anniversary party one day and a "Hungry Caterpillar" fete the next. Trophy Tips and Tricks are included at the beginning, recipes are in the back and pro tips are sprinkled throughout. The first recipe I tried was the S'mores Cupcake. Out of laziness, I opted to make the vanilla buttercream instead of the recommended meringue and the result tasted just like the frosting that Trophy puts on their cupcakes. A definite delight!

I am so glad I bought this book. I'm pretty much obsessed with cupcakes, and must have tried dozens upon dozens of recipes. However, I am also a perfectionist, and if I don't feel like a recipe is perfect, I move onto the next. I'm pretty impossible to please. However, I have made three cupcakes and two buttercreams from this book so far, and they have all been truly incredible, and yes, perfect as far as I'm concerned! Her chocolate cupcake is the perfect balance of moistness and structure, her coconut cupcake is out of this world (make it with her Raspberry Buttercream as she suggests in one of her variations and you will be in cupcake heaven)!!! The vanilla buttercream is the best I've ever had, and I've had a LOT. It's just sweet enough. The only thing I felt wasn't perfect was her vanilla cupcake...don't get me wrong the texture and moisture level was perfect. It was just a little too sweet. I'm happy to report that reducing the sugar by a good 1/4 cup was a great solution, and now I can't imagine ever using another vanilla cupcake recipe. Trust me, if you think you'll make cupcakes even occasionally, you NEED this book. All the great party tips are just icing on the

cupcake.

Perhaps I went in with too high expectations based on the superlative reviews, but I bought it thinking this would be my go-to cupcake recipe book, and this falls short of that goal. My main criticism is that it's touted as a recipe book, but I think it is predominantly a party book. The chocolate cupcake recipe I tried looked stunning - nice dome and all - but was firm, not soft as we like our cupcakes, better suited to filled cakes, IMHO. Taste was so-so. The two buttercream recipes, vanilla and strawberry, that I tried were good - too sweet for my tastes but others liked it. It does have a lot of party ideas but most of them were not my style, but that is personal. The photos are beautiful, and if you're looking for party ideas and recipes, it's definitely a buy; but if you're not sure, I'd say check it out at the library before going for it. I wish I had. Hope this helps.

What an amazing book! The author did an AWESOME job making sure every little detail was perfect. From ingredients, utensils, steps to mix, amazing tips to party decoration DIY. This is by far one of the best cupcakes & parties book I've ever had. Will do a GREAT gift for someone who loves baking and craft

While I love this book and would give it 5 stars for the recipes, the layout is really scattered and overwhelming. It is written more as a party planners book, rather than a recipe book. I've made five of Jennifer's recipes and have been very happy with them. If she were to plan another book, I think there could be a lot of improvements.

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