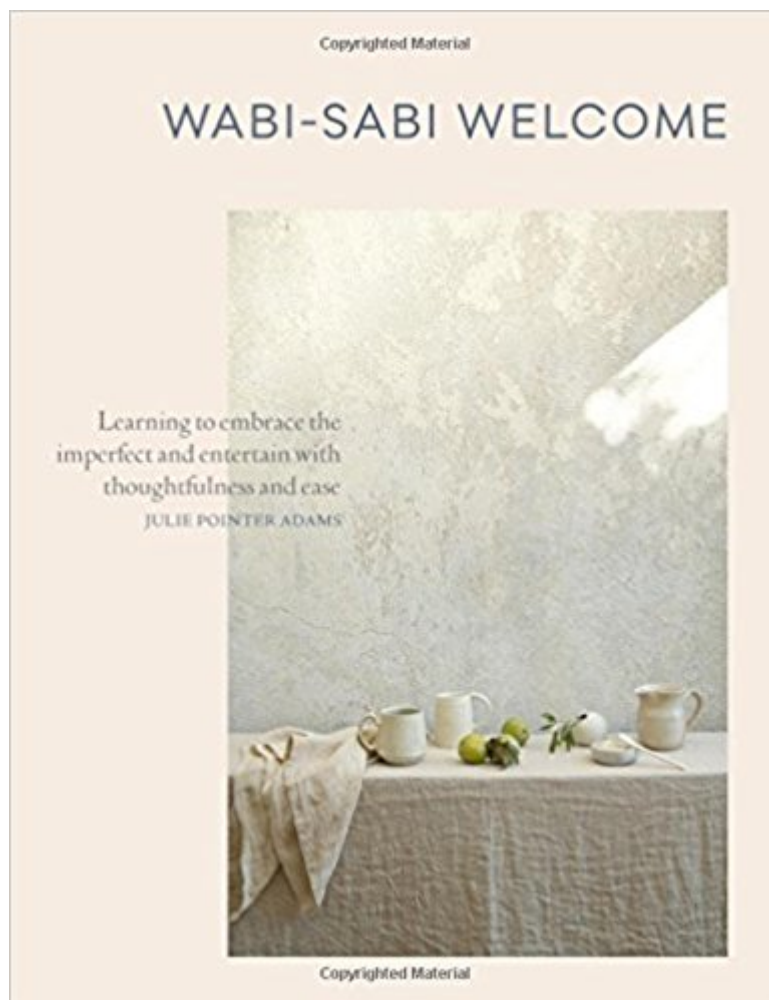




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# Wabi-Sabi Welcome: Learning To Embrace The Imperfect And Entertain With Thoughtfulness And Ease



## Synopsis

“An antidote to the veneer of perfectionism so often presented by books of its kind, Wabi-Sabi Welcome offers readers license to slow down and host guests with humility, intention, and contentment.” • Nathan Williams, founder of Kinfolk

Wabi-Sabi Welcome is sharing a pot of tea with friends. It is preparing delicious food to nourish, not to show off. It’s keeping a basket of cozy slippers at the door for guests. It is well-worn linens, bouquets of foraged branches, mismatched silverware, and heirloom bowls infused with the spirit of meals served with love. In this lush entertaining manual, author Julie Pointer Adams invites readers into artful, easygoing homes around the world—in Denmark, California, France, Italy, and Japan—and teaches us how to turn the generous act of getting together into the deeper art of being together. In this book, readers will find: unexpected, thoughtful ideas and recipes from around the world; tips for creating an intimate, welcoming environment; guidelines for choosing enduring, natural decor for the home; and inspiring photographs from homes where wabi-sabi is woven into daily living.

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“In her new book, entertaining guru Julie Pointer Adams celebrates wabi-sabi, the zen philosophy that encourages us to chill out and enjoy the moment.” • Food & Wine

“Gorgeous. . . . Illustrates how we can approach our homes and time spent with friends and family with the wabi-sabi state of mind. . . . Simply paging through this book makes me feel soothed

and delighted. And I love how the book's Japanese binding allows it to lay flat, no matter what page it's open to. Simple pleasures, indeed.

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•“Inspiring.

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•“An antidote to the veneer of perfectionism so often presented by books of its kind, *Wabi-Sabi Welcome* offers readers license to slow down and host guests with humility, intention, and contentment.

•Nathan Williams, founder of Kinfolk

•“*Wabi-Sabi Welcome* is a beautiful book. It reminds us of that which is most important: a slower pace, a genuine spirit, and time with the people we care for. Julie's writing is perfectly balanced and down-to-earth, and the photos, recipes, and stories inspire us to live well and thoughtfully.

•Karen Mordechai, author of *Sunday Suppers*

•“Quite simply, Julie's take on entertaining is a primer on how to be a genuine, thoughtful friend. She has always embodied effortless grace and humility for me, and I'm grateful to have been the recipient of her little beam of light over the years. She demystifies that same magic for us now.

•Amy Merrick, floral designer

JULIE POINTER ADAMS has been casually entertaining friends for the better part of her life, but she began doing so professionally when she developed and directed Kinfolk magazine's original dinner and workshop series alongside editor Nathan Williams for several years. Julie has planned, hosted, and overseen hundreds of both small and not-so-small gatherings all over the world. She currently lives in Santa Barbara, California, with her husband, Ryan.

• For more on *Wabi-Sabi Welcome*, visit [wabisabiwelcome.com](http://wabisabiwelcome.com)

fantastic book

Everyone that comes into our home stops to look at this beautifully designed and bound book. But more than a gorgeous coffee table book, it's wisdom gives us permission to enjoy entertaining and living with the pleasures of imperfections.

The essays are as beautiful as the photos. It's a dreamy and inspiring look at what hospitality looks like around the world. Makes me want to plan a laid-back dinner party with friends (and travel to Japan).

*Wabi-Sabi Welcome* is a beautiful book. I am so thankful I bought it!

I had lost pretty much all interest in reading since entering college, as I barely had the time or energy to do anything besides study, work, or cook (basically my life in 3 activities). While venting to my dad one day about how I wasn't exactly nailing sunny-side up eggs (I know, the horror), he told me that he used to get hung up over the small things too. He had never read this book, but he understood the way I put my soul into cooking, how I take myself probably a little too seriously, and that I needed something that would get me out of my head. So, he got me this book. I'm not sure how he found this book, but it was beyond perfect for me. The author found a way to make an albeit simple concept, and make it personal. I found myself focusing on enjoying the little things more, and not worrying if my eggs weren't Michelin star ready (although they will be soon). This book is really hard to explain, but I can only list a handful of books that I've truly loved, and this is one of them.

Very magical read with very helpful and useful tips for stress-free hosting. Would recommend this to anyone and everyone. Beautiful photos and glimpses into multiple cultures. And bonus - recipes to try!!!

I loved the author's writing style in this book - laid-back, casual, but warm. She also captured beautiful still life scenes to accompany the writing - I especially loved the photo on page 139.

Love this book and Julie's writing style is so personable -- I feel like I am enjoying a cup of tea with a good friend. Her photographs draw me into a lovely mental vacation, away from the business of everyday craziness. Thank you Julie and looking forward to your next book!

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