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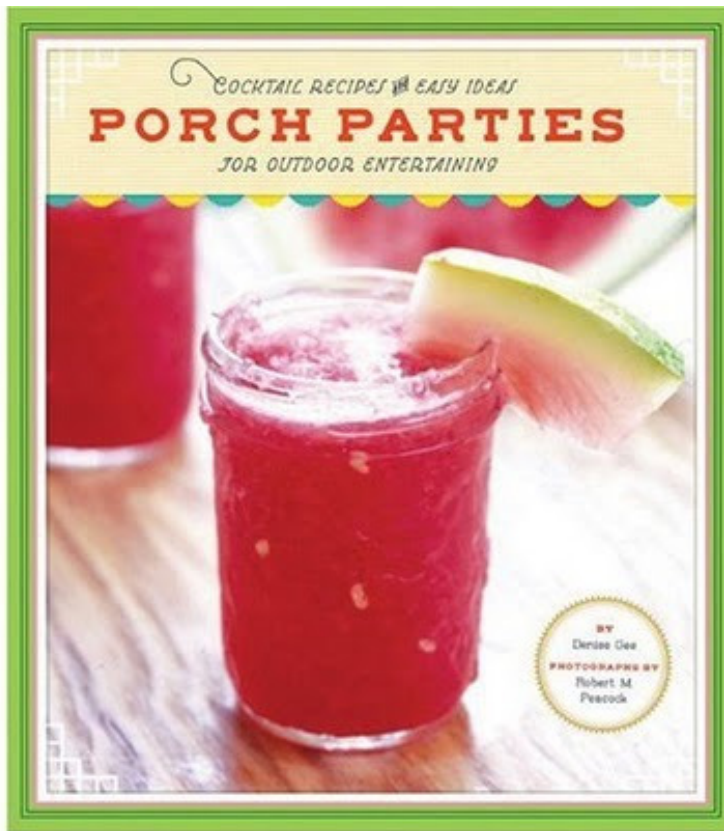
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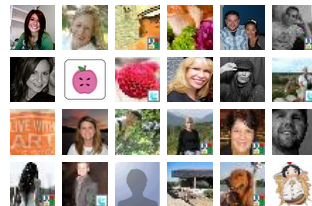
*Sip a spell...* Dallas author **Denise Gee** and her husband photographer **Robert**

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## MY FAVORITE BOOKS!

Dallas' own Kim Schlegel Whitman just published her latest book on entertaining.

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**Peacock** have a new book out called **Porch Parties** (Chronicle Books, April 2010, \$16.95). Denise grew up in a big old plantation style house in Natchez Mississippi, an historic town known for its lazy porch life, southern cocktails, and eccentric people.

Meet her on **Thursday April 15 from 5 - 8 pm at at Lisa Luby Ryan's Annual Upscale Garage Sale**, 3520 Granada Ave. Lisa's serving cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, and maybe Denise will tell you some stories about growing up in Natchez if you ask. You'll be enthralled.



Dallas architect **Eddie Maestri's** Lakewood porch, styled by Denise Gee and photographed by Robert Peacock.

Denise, who's a well-known interiors writer for magazines such as *Traditional Home*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Southern Living*, and *Southern Accents*, gives lots of tips on how to decorate your own porch for a party. This is her second book that features cocktails (check out **Southern Cocktails** which came out a few years ago) and she fills *Porch Parties* with lots of drinks recipes like the one below.

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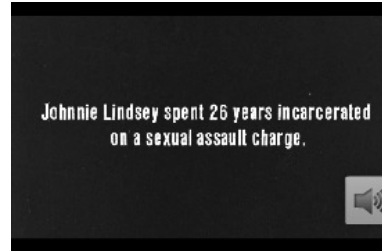


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WHO'S READING



The Blackberry Smash cocktail, featured from where else, The Porch, in Dallas. It features fresh blackberries, rye and ginger ale.



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