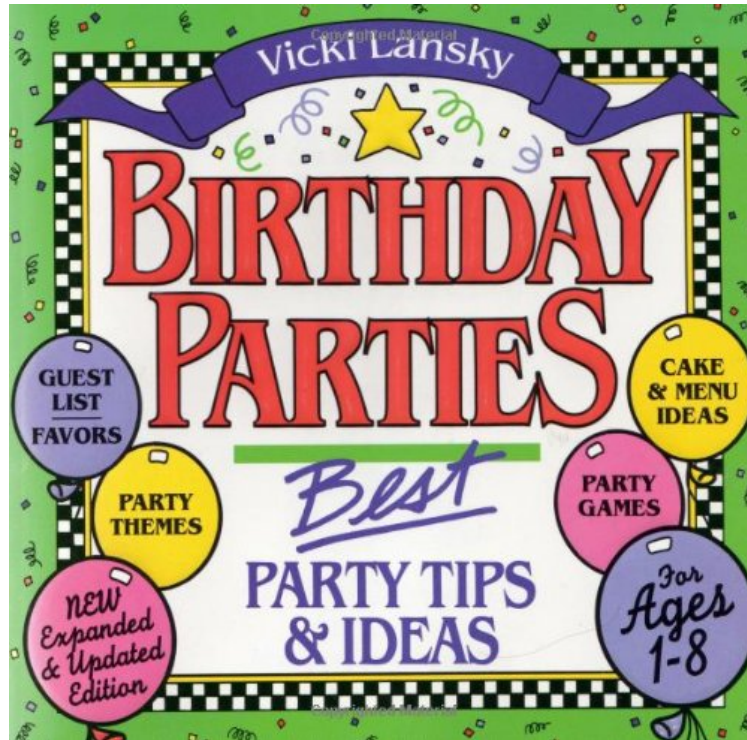


## Birthday Parties: Best Party Tips and Ideas (Lansky, Vicki)

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**Vicki Lansky : Birthday Parties: Best Party Tips and Ideas (Lansky, Vicki)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Birthday Parties: Best Party Tips and Ideas (Lansky, Vicki):

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. An extremely handy guide for a parent of a 1-8 year old, especially those new to b-day party planning. By Chick lit fan I am a first time mom and all of my son's friends are a few months younger than him. So, basically we have not had much guidance in planning birthday parties (my husband and I only have our memories and our families' memories to go on). I am reading this book for the first time as I plan his 4th birthday party. I knew many of the things discussed in the book but I learned new tips and advice. The book had guidelines on when away from home parties were appropriate, what age you should start giving out prizes for games (and good ideas for non-material prizes), how to handle disappointment by the birthday child, and things to do to keep the party moving smoothly (especially if dealing with younger kids that aren't so good at waiting through long turns). I liked how the book addressed ideas for handling different dietary situations of the guests. I haven't been in that situation so I didn't really have any ideas of my own. The book had good recipes for such situations as lactose intolerance, food allergies or other sensitivities. There were good general food recommendations and recipes as well. The book has a great breakdown of age considerations for party planning. Recommendations for party length, what kind of activities are appropriate as well as what challenges you may face depending on the age (sharing, play styles...) were included. Before I read this I hadn't really thought about how to make the birthday party age appropriate as they got older (my ideas were limited to Pin the Tail on the Donkey). The book had unique and creative ideas for

favors, invitations and games. It was nice to have a comprehensive list of all the common, popular games as well as some interesting variations. Well organized and easy to read. I liked the real life experiences mentioned in the book. It helps to read about what did and didn't work for other families. You can find many good sources of birthday party information on the internet but this book is worth having around in my opinion. It is just a good all purpose guide. 7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Not a good value for the price. By A Customer The title of this book is misleading and implies that you will find lots of ideas for party games for young children. But I did not find this book useful at all. There are much more better books you will find that are bigger in size and content wise, they give you lots more organized ideas for planning and conducting birthday party games. Most of the comments the author makes such as how to serve ice cream to children is common sense information to parents with toddlers and you don't need a book to tell you how to do that. This book is not a good value for what it costs. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Good basic text for parties for younger children. By A Customer If you're new to party-giving, this book will be a wonderful way to have your hand held through your first event. It is filled with "learn from our mistakes" wisdom no new parent should be without. Many of the ideas are useful even in everyday life. I loan this book out a lot.

Lansky offers a comprehensive and creative guide filled with tips on everything from sending invitations to writing thank-you cards, with party themes, ideas for favors, entertainment, and decorations in between. Recipes and menu ideas are also included--with an emphasis on special dietary needs--and step-by-step planning and shopping checklists. 13 illustrations.