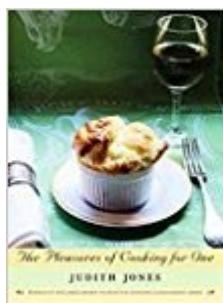


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Customer Reviews

beautifully written with some wonderful recipes. also good for making 'leftovers' that are almost a new meal. inspirational and not too intimidating. nice size and one of the few i intend to hold on to.

Beautifully written. Amazing recipes! Perfect for those newly on their own and those looking to up the quality and variety of the foods they prepare for themselves. Quick recipes with great flavor and plenty of ways to use up all those leftovers you have when your eyes are bigger than your stomach, or when you just want to make a little extra for further experimenting a few days later.

Like the layout of the book. Ms. Jones had the main recipe followed by First Round and 2nd Round, using the planned overs. I really like that idea, saves me from having to plan on how to use them.

Now I have even made some dishes I always wanted to try but did not know how to go about them in smaller servings. She had them already planned for me! I think this book is great. I found it pleasurable reading and planning on cooking from it. I don't even cook for one, normally for 2. But I have found it useful for the two of us. I have told my single friends about this book to get them interested in cooking good meals at home for themselves. This will be their first cookbook from me to get them started.

What I really enjoyed about this book was not only were the recipes fabulous and easy to follow, but the author interweaves her personal commentary throughout the book, making it feel as if she is having a conversation with you. It made the recipes more understandable as well as gave me more of a sense of pleasure when making them myself. What a great book with many ideas on how to stock your kitchen, use your freezer, and find a number of ways to reuse meals in unique ways. I am especially happy with it being available on my Kindle.

Checked this book out of the library first and then bought my own copy. Would make a great gift for a widow or widower. Lovely to read and I love the pictures--honest and practical, not glitz and photoshopped. Her philosophy of food is just so appealing. It's like having a New York City grandmother talking to you about cooking. I don't much like to cook, but she makes me wish I did. I haven't tried any of the recipes, and I might never, I'm just happy to read it.

Judith Jones is truly "having a moment," which is a wonderful thing. This new book is sort of an offshoot of her earlier memoir, which had a short but terrific recipe section. It is a sublime book--thoughtfully designed, detailed but not pedantic, practical, accessible, utterly personal, and completely charming. I'm not sure there is another book out there like this one, which takes us shopping and then into the kitchen to make the most of both common items and ingredients or dishes it might never have occurred to us to try. I can't wait to try most all of them. Of course, a little simple math will ratchet up a recipe for 1-2 to a recipe for 3-4 and so on--so this is absolutely a book for all cooks. The author does, however, sympathize with the plight of the single shopper and eater--supermarkets usually work to package more than we can possibly eat at one sitting. Short of a perpetual dinner party, what is the solution? Stretch the goodies over two or three completely different meals (trust me, this is NOT the same thing as just having leftovers). The title says it all--cooking for one should be every bit as pleasurable as cooking for others--maybe better, as the gaffes become your little secrets (and they are no less tasty). I would add that although the book is beautifully printed on high-quality stock and will make a truly fine gift (I do not work for the publisher--honest), it's no coffee table book. The size is perfect--it'll fit on the counter easily, although you might want one of those stand-up plastic stands to keep it open (and protect it, if that's important to you). All in all, one of the most thoughtful and user-friendly cookbooks I've ever encountered. I read it cover-to-cover, like a novel. Next I'm going shopping.

I adore this book. Great on cooking techniques. Just for what you learn about how to size a cooking dish to deal with smaller volumes (see the recipe on the souffle) is worth the price of the book. I've given it as gifts, and the recipients love it too.

Before finding this book (initially at my local library), I wanted to write a cookbook for other widows about cooking for one in a healthy and frugal way. Judith Jones has written a far better book than I envisioned--not surprising in that she was Julia Child's editor at Knopf. I cooked from the book within eight hours of acquiring it, and purchased it from before the week was out. I've now made

more than ten meals from the recipes in this book and they are all absolutely wonderful. Her genius lies in knowing exactly how much trouble a cook will go to when cooking for one.

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