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Customer Reviews

I love to buy different cook books. I still cannot believe how easy each recipe is and how delicious they turned out to be. Such a rare combination. The Indonesian chicken is super easy. It has become a weekly regular. I just tried the outrageous brownie. It was outrageously delicious. Better than most brownies sold at stores. What a wonderful author, be able to deliver such accuracy in recipes. I will definitely buy more of her books. Just one negative comment, most desert recipes require a electronic mixer which I don't have. Therefore I am hesitated to try. But the brownie turned out to be really well.

A winner.

The physical condition of the book was essentially perfection, and the delivery was prompt.

I'm not a chef and would consider myself about average, maybe slightly above average (but determined) in my ability to cook. I had been seeking one cookbook for quite some time that gave me a solid core of recipes that I could turn to repeatedly and A) not have to worry if I'd hit the mark each time I prepared the meal; B) not be so complex and ingredient spastic that I'd be in the kitchen the entire day/night; and finally C) where the cost to make the meal wouldn't be prohibitive due to ingredients I wouldn't normally keep on hand and/or only use for one single recipe (screw that.) I'm single and I live alone thus, I wanted recipes that could be made for guests but also that could be reduced so that I could make them for myself (I like to cook once on the weekend for my upcoming work week.) And this is certainly a great book to fit all of these qualifications. These recipes are flawless and very simple to put together though that doesn't equal simple or boring tastes. On the contrary, the tastes can be quite complex. Because these recipes are so clean and put together with a subtle elegance a person should *not* substitute subpar ingredients and expect superior flavoring.

When a recipe calls for fresh herbs or spices (or fresh grated, fresh roasted, fresh milled, fresh squeezed, etc.) there is a reason for it. If this same person then gets dull food because of using margarine, old spices, jarred or prepackaged ingredients, they can't then complain about the recipe since they didn't follow it. I don't own a full size food processor (just a 1 1/2 cup version good for pretty much only chopping). Nor do I own a stand mixer. I have just my two hands, a hand-held mixer, wooden spoons and one whisk and so sometimes recipes (particularly deserts) can be a challenge for me. I've not found that to be the case for these recipes. FWIW, Parmesan smashed potatoes - I can honestly say that at 47 years of age, these are the best mashed potatoes I've ever eaten in my life. Excellent cookbook in design, layout, index, content. Flawless recipes - they WORK. Perfect execution of the recipes is a breeze due to clear and easy to read instruction.

Yes, Yes Yes!

I've been watching the Food Network now for several years. What I've observed about Ina Garten, the Barefoot Contessa, is that her recipes usually receive a 5 star rating from Food Network's website. I have yet to be disappointed with any of her recipes that I have prepared. It is so nice to have a compilation of her "go to" recipes simply arranged by type of food (appetizers to desserts). She is unselfish in sharing tips that were acquired during her twenty years of owning and operating an acclaimed specialty food store in the Hamptons. I highly recommend this book ... it is a wonderful collection of dependable classics.

Another of Ina's winning cookbooks.

Ina's classic book showcases both her quality recipes and delightful storytelling, with gorgeous photography throughout. How easy is that?

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