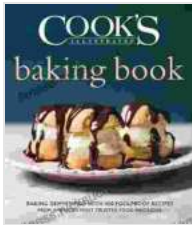


Cook's Illustrated Baking America: A Comprehensive Guide to the Art of Baking



Cook's Illustrated Baking Book by America's Test Kitchen

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Baking is a science, and like any science, it requires precision and accuracy. Cook's Illustrated Baking America is a comprehensive baking cookbook that provides foolproof recipes and in-depth explanations of baking techniques. This in-depth review will explore the book's strengths and weaknesses, and provide a detailed look at its contents.

Strengths

- **Foolproof recipes:** Cook's Illustrated is known for its rigorous testing process, and the recipes in Baking America are no exception. Each recipe has been tested multiple times to ensure that it produces perfect results every time.
- **In-depth explanations:** The book provides detailed explanations of every step in the baking process, from measuring ingredients to baking

the final product. This makes it a great resource for both experienced bakers and beginners.

- **Comprehensive coverage:** Baking America covers a wide range of baking topics, from basic techniques to advanced recipes. It's a great resource for bakers of all levels.

Weaknesses

- **Expensive:** Baking America is a hardcover book with over 500 pages, and it retails for \$35. This makes it one of the more expensive baking cookbooks on the market.
- **Time-consuming recipes:** Some of the recipes in Baking America are quite time-consuming, especially the ones that require multiple steps or overnight refrigeration. If you're looking for quick and easy recipes, this may not be the book for you.

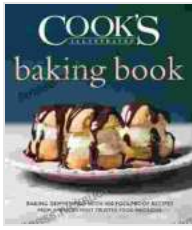
Contents

Baking America is divided into 13 chapters, each of which covers a different aspect of baking. The chapters are:

1. : This chapter provides an overview of the book and its contents.
2. **Essential Techniques:** This chapter covers the basic techniques of baking, such as measuring ingredients, mixing batter, and baking cakes.
3. **Leavened Breads:** This chapter covers the different types of leavened breads, including yeast breads, sourdough breads, and quick breads.
4. **Unleavened Breads:** This chapter covers the different types of unleavened breads, such as flatbreads, tortillas, and crackers.

5. **Cookies:** This chapter covers the different types of cookies, including chocolate chip cookies, oatmeal cookies, and shortbread cookies.
6. **Pies and Tarts:** This chapter covers the different types of pies and tarts, including fruit pies, cream pies, and cheesecakes.
7. **Cakes:** This chapter covers the different types of cakes, including layer cakes, pound cakes, and cupcakes.
8. **Cupcakes:** This chapter covers the different types of cupcakes, including classic cupcakes, filled cupcakes, and decorated cupcakes.
9. **Frostings and Fillings:** This chapter covers the different types of frostings and fillings, including buttercream frosting, chocolate ganache, and fruit compote.
10. **Desserts:** This chapter covers the different types of desserts, including puddings, mousses, and custards.
11. **Holiday Baking:** This chapter covers the different types of holiday baking, including Christmas cookies, Hanukkah latkes, and Thanksgiving pies.
12. **Glossary:** This chapter provides a glossary of baking terms.
13. **Index:** This chapter provides an index of recipes.

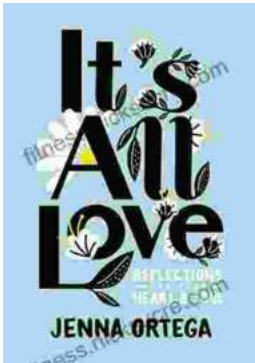
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