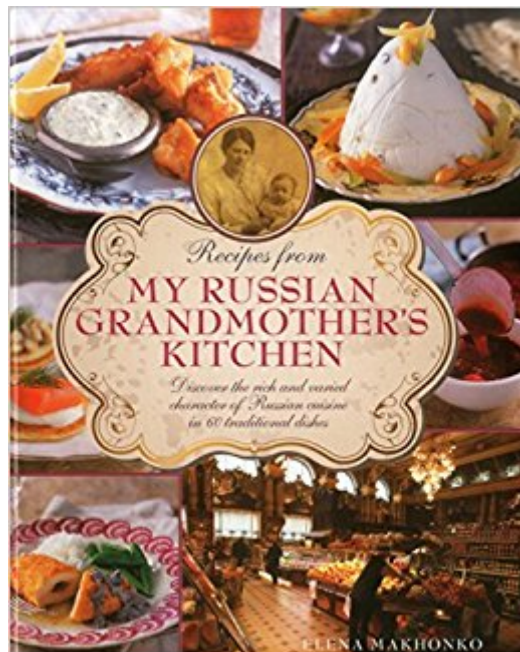




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Recipes From My Russian Grandmother's Kitchen: Discover The Rich And Varied Character Of Russian Cuisine In 60 Traditional Dishes



Synopsis

This evocative and beautifully photographed cookbook is packed with authentic and much-loved dishes such as Chicken Kiev, Pelmini (little dumplings), the salmon-filled pie Koulbiac, Stroganoff and the Easter dessert Paskha.

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Customer Reviews

Elena Makhonko was born in Leningrad (St Petersburg) and learned to prepare Russian food with her grandmother. Elena moved to Sweden in the 1980s and has written for various food magazines and published several books about food.

Bach's "The Well-tempered Clavier" offers a balanced array of musical challenges to the novice player. Even for the relative beginner, the results can sound good. "Recipes from my Russian Grandmother's Kitchen" is like that, Russian cooking-wise. As a novice, I was looking for--introductory stories of Russian cuisine, eating habits, and ingredients to help understand the context of the recipes--recipes balanced to reflect this tradition--ingredients generally available in the U.S.--step x step directions with some time-saving choices--informative illustrations. This hard-cover book, published in 2014, delivers the goods nicely indeed--the discussion of the usual Russian dinner involving a robust soup, a main dish, and dessert is reflected in the contents which begin with nine hearty soups, go on to fish and meat dishes, and conclude with ravishing desserts. As stated on the cover, 60 recipes in all--the importance of an hospitable table of zakuski (hearty appetizers) and of religious holidays such as Easter are reflected in a mouth-watering section on appetizers and in preparation of traditional dishes such as the Paschal cake--the excellent

photographs by Jon Whitaker make step-by-step preparation easy to follow and all the ingredients listed are available even in the small town where I live; some time-saving approaches are offered including use of already prepared/purchased puff pastry. A bright star in the accuracy of the title. These ARE grandmother's cooking in recipes chosen, in preparation, and in the more subtle aspects such as using tableware and china from a granny's kitchen. Catherine the Great's recipes, china, or squadron of cooks this is not, nor is it a "Mastering the art of Russian cooking" tome. Traditional granny is what I was looking for, and that is what the book delivers. Among the recipes I particularly like are Georgian Meat Soup, Blini, Fish with Mushroom & Dill Sauce, and Sauerkraut Stew with Prunes. There are a LOT of recipes using sauerkraut/cabbage, preserved cucumbers (who knew?) and sour cream (smetana), ingredients available without high cost and throughout the year in the Russian climate. ANY ALERTS? A big omission (to me) was not a single recipe for the black or dark rye breads, despite the text emphasis on how this bread is essential to every meal. If it is that important, how about a recipe or two? Also, this is a slender book with fewer recipes than some: a sampler of general Granny cooking, not more regional or comprehensive. Further, as a newer book, expect to pay a new book price as used copies for a few pennies aren't yet available. Overall, however, a delight for eye and mouth and belly, that a beginner in Russian cooking can achieve! Thank you, author and production team!

Easy to follow recipes, beautiful photos. Blini (crepes) are soooooo good! However, plov recipe was not authentic (what plov doesn't use cumin??...) As with all my cook books, a few recipes are a complete success, while the rest are either don't taste right or not very authentic.

My grandson has a Russian girlfriend whose grandmother prepared dishes from her homeland that he loved. This was a gift for Christmas.

Everything I wanted it to be.

Great

Love it! Highly recommend as a gift!

Really looking forward to trying some of the recipes in here. It's easy to understand and with the exception of one or two items, you can get anything you need for the recipes.

Nice cook book. Plenty of great recipes.

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