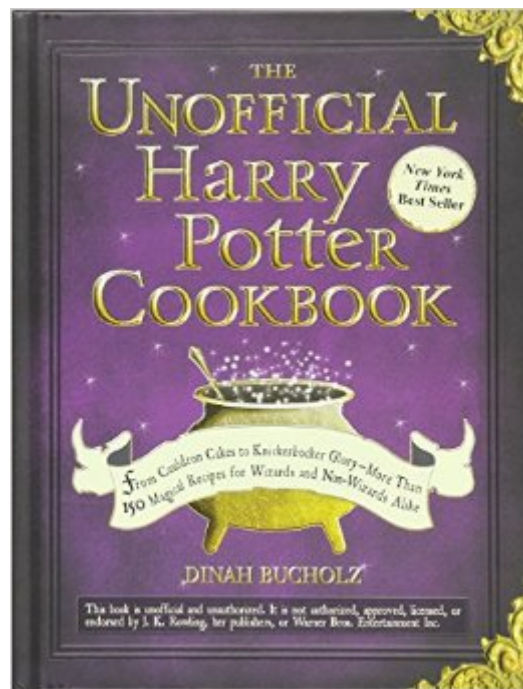


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The Unofficial Harry Potter Cookbook: From Cauldron Cakes To Knickerbocker Glory--More Than 150 Magical Recipes For Muggles And Wizards (Unofficial Cookbook)



Synopsis

With this cookbook, dining a la Hogwarts is as easy as Banoffi Pie. With more than 150 easy-to-make recipes, tips, and techniques, you can indulge in spellbindingly delicious meals drawn straight from the pages of your favorite Potter stories, such as: Treacle Tart, Harry's favorite dessert Molly's Meat Pies, Mrs. Weasley's classic dish Kreacher's French Onion Soup Pumpkin Pasties, a staple on the Hogwarts Express cart. With a dash of magic and a drop of creativity, you'll conjure up the entrees, desserts, snacks, and drinks you need to transform ordinary Muggle meals into magical culinary masterpieces, sure to make even Mrs. Weasley proud.

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Customer Reviews

My nine-year-old Harry Potter fan grandson is greatly enamored with this cookbook, but I'm not so enthused. The format and recipes follow the books well and he instantly lit up at the thought of having Cauldron Cakes for breakfast among other things he recognized and was eager to try. I'd hoped he could make the recipes himself but they are much more elaborate than I expected. Some require roasting nuts, tempering eggs, boiling sugar, deep-frying or using the food processor, for example, not things I want a nine-year-old trying. Many of the processes seem needlessly complex like making a sugar syrup for lemon pops instead of just whisking the sugar into the cold liquid until it dissolves (which we did and it worked fine). I did appreciate that my grandson was interested enough in tackling some recipes that he was willing to learn about kitchen gadgets and processes.

He learned how to measure and what various terms meant and was proud of his results, but I changed some things to facilitate his being able to work more independently. He learned about substitutions because a number of the ingredients were not available in my well-stocked kitchen. I actually had a pie pumpkin for example (for pumpkin juice) and turbinado sugar but don't keep things like dried currents or mincemeat on hand all the time. I usually cook from scratch so have raw ingredients, but many recipes still required a trip to the store. I was surprised more shortcuts weren't included to appeal to kids or inexperienced cooks who wanted to try their hand. Some of the recipes had two pages of instructions and most of the book is in miniscule font that I had trouble reading. On the good side, the layout of the book was great fun for my grandson.

* Recipes: Some of the recipes are a little bit silly and overly simple (I'm thinking of the recipe for bacon... Ingredients? Bacon). Some of the recipes sound disgusting to this non-foodie American, like Haggis or Steak and Kidney Pudding. Most of the recipes fall into the category of VERY simple, like mashed potatoes and buttered peas, or VERY complicated, like the Herbed and Spiced Fried Sausage Patties that call for ingredients like veal (?!), grated lemon zest, and dried marjoram. Still, I've tried a few of the recipes, and the Cinnamon Pull-Apart Breakfast Rolls are seriously delicious, as are the Cheesy, Chivy Scrambled Eggs. * Not really party food: Almost all of the recipes in this book are for sit-down meals. If you're looking for a book that has more fun-sized treats and appetizers for a Harry Potter party, I'd recommend *The Unofficial Harry Potter Party Book: From Monster Books to Potions Class!: Crafts, Games, and Treats for the Ultimate Harry Potter Party*, which includes more of the party-food type of recipes. * Biggest Annoyance: No pictures. It's really hard for me to tell if something is appealing enough to make without seeing a picture first. Some of the recipes in here are for things I've never heard of, so I would have no idea what it should look like, like mince pies. * No Butterbeer: I assume because of trademark issues. Too bad.

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