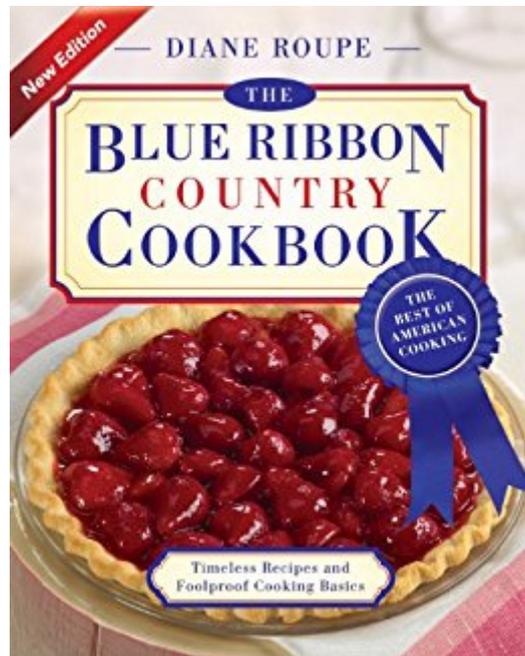


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The Blue Ribbon Country Cookbook



Synopsis

Nearly 1,000 crowd-pleasing and award-winning recipes presented in an easy, step-by-step format to ensure success for anyone—even beginners. More than just a comprehensive cookbook, *The Blue Ribbon Country Cookbook* contains easy-to-follow techniques and detailed explanations that ensure success. Chapters include every type of food, from soups and stews to pies and tarts, and recipes range from traditional favorites to more contemporary dishes such as Fresh Pear Salad with Ginger Dressing and Rosemary Chicken with Red Raspberry Sauce. What makes this book so special is not just the large number of recipes but also the amount of indispensable information that it contains. An reviewer explains the book best: "After 16 years of marriage, I was still not able to make some of the dishes my husband's mom did. I never quite got it right. I can now! In her book, Diane taught me the basics of cooking from scratch and now I receive the highest compliment--As Good as Mom's and Grandma's."

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Customer Reviews

This book is described as "comprehensive" This seems to be an accurate assessment as all kitchen skills are assumed to be foreign to the reader and must be taught in painstaking detail. One would think that even the novice cook could figure out herself how to store flour, sift powdered sugar and cut a wedge of apple pie. The the author apparently thinks not. Also, when I see the word "country" in the title of the cookbook, I expect down-home comfort food your grandma made each and every Sunday supper. However, this book assumes that I, the average "country" cook, has a pantry full of black and red caviar! If my grandmother had found a jug of caviar in her pantry, she'd have assumed my grandfather left his bait there for the next time he went fishin'.

Didn't like this book. If you have an interest in country cooking recipes as I do, many other books have similar or identical recipes, so there's nothing all that new here. In addition, maybe it's just me, but I like fresh food made from scratch. Many of the recipes in this book relied on canned/jarred ingredients like Miracle Whip...ugh. Visually, the formatting in the kindle version is just really bad. It makes it very hard to read the book. The author notes that some of her recipes won ribbons at state fairs, but after skimming several chapters, I couldn't find those recipes. I would suggest putting the blue ribbon recipes in a separate chapter. Also, there are pages and pages of unneeded information at the front of the book which was annoying, as I had to scan through all that to get to the first recipe. I bought the book for recipes, not for tips on cooking. That information is best left to teaching cookbooks such as Joy of Cooking, where you expect it. Overall, disappointed in the book, too much extraneous information, and unoriginal recipes based on processed foods.

I bought this book and tried two of the pie recipes, apple pie and Dutch Crumb apple pie. Both were made the first time for Thanksgiving. People RAVED about the pies! They were the best pies I have ever made! I do recommend that the recipe be read through before starting a recipe.

This is a great cookbook, even for a beginner, or someone of any age!! Great midwest recipes and beyond Iowa cooking ideas, that are well explained in easy to understand detail to help you get the best results! I had an opportunity to meet the author at the 2012 Iowa State Fair in Des Moines at her booth in "AG" building, and have my personal copy autographed by her, (what an added treat)! She has also been in recent past on TV such as PBS, and you can be assured she really knows her "stuff"! I was so pleased with what I found in this great cookbook, I purchased several more as gifts. The cookbook is quite thick and interesting from front cover thru to the back; it is filled with marvelous cooking and tips, and pictures found throughout book.

Didn't knock my socks off, but definitely gave me some good / great ideas without having to dig through the bajillion options around the internet website. There's just something great about having the actual recipes there in your kitchen!

I would growing up buy Blue Ribbon cook books with recipes by Blue Ribbon winners from state and county fairs and a little bit about them. This didn't have any of that or any pictures. Returning this.

Lots of great recipes and pictures. I've made several dishes from this book and all have been enjoyed.

Was not that pleased with this cookbook, it was titled as "country", well there was nothing country about this book. I was looking for things like my Ozark farm wife grandma would have made. And it was not found in this book! Luckily, I didn't pay full price for it.

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