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The Viennese Kitchen: Tante Hertha's Book Of Family Recipes



Synopsis

A perfect gift for cookbook enthusiasts and anyone interested in classic Viennese cooking Traditions This beautiful book, based on original notebook and recipe journal of a 1900s baroness, takes readers on a journey through fin de siècle Viennese high society. With over 100 original recipes, all of which have been tested and brought up to date for the modern cook, it is not only a wonderful collection of recipes but also a fascinating look at the life of a Viennese family. Filled with anecdotes and personal stories to bring the recipes to life, this book is a charming insight into a bygone era. The classic recipes cover a variety of dishes both savory and sweet, with a strong emphasis on the desserts and pastries for which Vienna is famed. Enchanting photographs of Vienna grace the book, capturing the architecture, café culture, and beauty of this elegant city.

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Customer Reviews

First, I bought this as a used book from .com, a was quite happy with the transaction from the independent seller. The book is amazing, on so many different levels. First, there are the traditional recipes that my Mom's aunts used to make ages ago, when I was a small child. Entrees, sauces, soups, side dishes, and desserts! Oh, the desserts! You know how some tastes linger in your brain like a favorite holiday cookie? Well this cookbook has those old recipes. With careful instructions on what to do to avoid any 'recipe failure.' Second, the photos of the food will make you want to get the pots & pans out. Then there are so many photos of Vienna's historic buildings, its restaurants and some old photos of people that you almost feel like you have been there, and these are from your scrap book. This is a cookbook that you will enjoy using to make the recipes, and also to simply read through for an imaginary journey to Vienna.

A lovely, well photographed book, but there is really nothing new in the recipe department. If you have a lot of German and/or Austrian cookbooks, this may not be the one for you. If you are new to cooking from that region of the world, this book would be a nice addition to the bookshelf.

What a beautiful book this is! The photos are gorgeous, and it's full of interesting anecdotes about Viennese culture and history. My only problem is that I've been so caught up in reading the stories and admiring the images that I haven't actually cooked anything from it yet. This would make a fabulous holiday gift for anyone interested in Viennese food or culture.

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