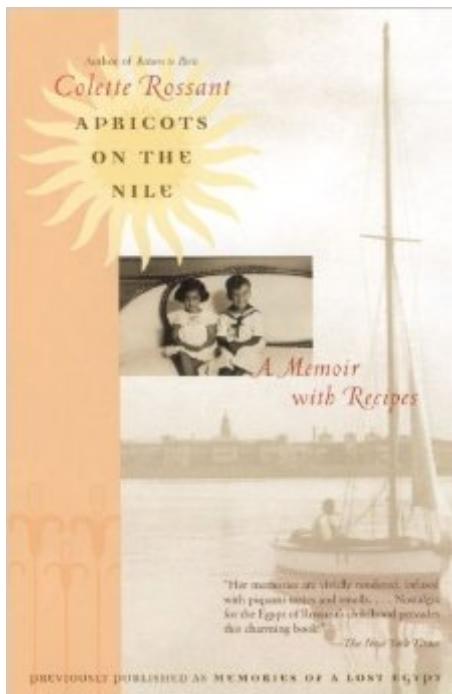


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This was one of my favorite all-time books. I purchased one as a gift for my sister also. I love to read

about other cultures, and this was an enjoyable read.

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