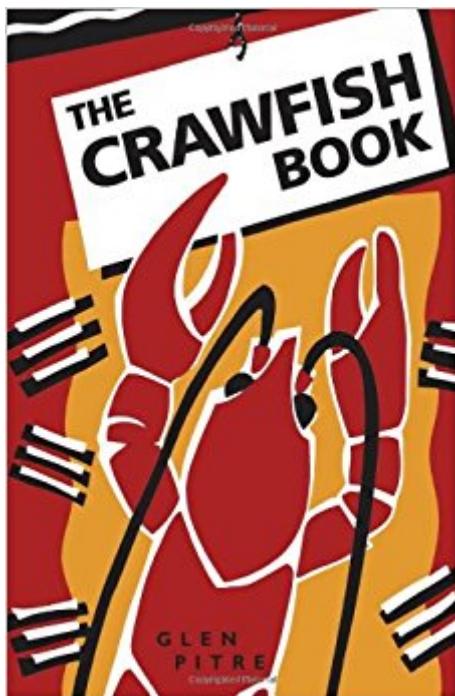


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# The Crawfish Book



## Synopsis

American Indians worshiped them as creators of the world, Napoleon ate them to celebrate his victories, Swedes have them shipped in from halfway around the world, and for Louisiana's Cajuns the humble crawfish is the centerpiece of cuisine, a symbol of ethnic pride, a staple commodity for thriving business ventures, and an inextricable part of folklore. Research and interviews spice this delightful book that details the relationship between crawfish and humans--from antiquity to the New York markets of the 1880s; from Depression-era pauper's feast to gourmet entree of the 1980s Cajun cooking craze; from spring afternoon pastime to modern aquaculture agribusiness. To get the reader's mouth watering, more than two dozen recipes from those who know crawfish best--both famous chefs and crawfishers--are interspersed throughout. Sections offer advice on catching, buying, handling, cooking, and, for those who wish to simplify their encounters with crawfish, ordering tasty dishes in restaurants. Included are also a bibliographical essay, an index to recipes, and a list of sources for spices, paraphernalia, and airfreight shipments of crawfish.

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An amusing, informative book that tells you all you'll need to know about an amazing crustacean

Here in a light-hearted foray into fact and folklore you can partake of this crustacean's rich and hardy history. Some say "crawfish". Some say "crawdad". Some say "yabby". Whatever you say,

this bite-sized, fresh-water cousin to the lobster has remained a fascinating figure, symbol, and foodstuff around the globe. Relish this documented, ages-old history of the enduring crawfish, along with recipes for tasty dishes for which this delectable culinary staple is the essence.

Due to the travels my job has required, I haven't always been able to show my children the 'micro' or 'small inside' fascinations of nature. Our Daughter and GrandDaughter were invited by close friends and relatives to a series of camping & horse riding trips out in the mountains and forests of the Great Northwest. This is one of the books we rush ordered, so they could read up, or 'read ahead' for their upcoming adventures. The feed back we received, for this book and the others we sent them, was that reading and then watching for, or 'exploring' for what this and the other books pointed out made their adventures much more fulfilling! We recommend this book for outdoors enthusiasts and those who want to read about this world, INSTEAD of playing video,games!

This is THE book referencing Crawfish. I have purchased many books regarding Crawfish, but this is most satisfying. Originally I purchased this book in 1995 and lost it(?). So glad to be able to replace it. It's balanced with Louisiana history, folklore and great recipes. Mr. Pitre has the secret to writing about the delicious crawfish with humor and facts. Thank you, sir.

I give this as a gift to a son-in-law. Good pictures, good recipes, amazing history!

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