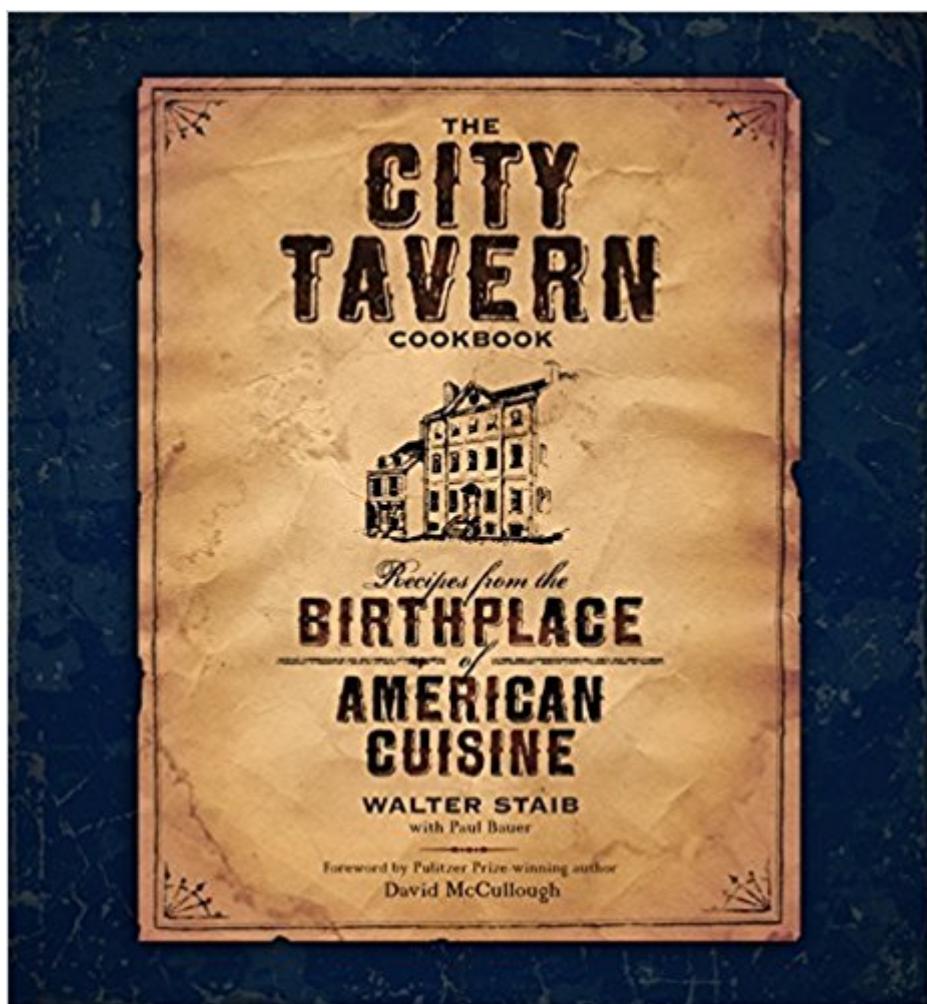


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The City Tavern Cookbook: Recipes From The Birthplace Of American Cuisine



Synopsis

There is no other place in the United States where you can experience authentic early American culinary history. City Tavern was the social, political, and economic center of late 18th-century Philadelphia. Called the "most genteel" tavern in America by John Adams, it gained fame as the gathering place for members of the Continental Congresses and the Constitutional Convention, and for officials of the early Federal Government. With more than 300 tempting, simple-to-make recipes and full-color photography, City Tavern will help home chefs and history buffs alike recreate the same dishes enjoyed by George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and Benjamin Franklin. Featuring traditional favorites such as West Indies pepperpot soup, roasted duckling with chutney, Martha Washington's recipe for chocolate mousse cake, and Thomas Jefferson's own recipe for sweet-potato biscuits, this book's recipes are sure to entice adults and children alike, while simultaneously providing them with a wealth of fascinating American and culinary history! More than just a cookbook, City Tavern is a treasury of American history.

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Customer Reviews

Chef Walter Staib is a highly acclaimed chef, restaurateur, and author. He has been named the "Culinary Ambassador to the City of Philadelphia," and has received numerous awards and recognition for his outstanding cuisine. A third-generation restaurateur with over four decades of culinary experience, Chef Staib received formal training in many of Europe's finest hotels and restaurants.

I enjoy Chef Staib's show A Taste of History. He almost makes cooking at a hearth look easy. Thankfully, the book contains modern adaptations of those recipes. There are other recipes I haven't seen on the show. I haven't tried any of the recipes, yet. A lot of them use wine, which I love, but my husband doesn't, and there are several German recipes, which I will be trying. My favorite part of the book is that each recipe is preceded by a short history of the recipe, often mentioning a colonial cookbook author. This is just as much a history book as it is a cookbook. If you are from the Philadelphia area, you will probably know many of the places Chef Staib mentions.

Bought this as a gift for my sister. Cookbook was signed by the author so that was a real nice bonus and really surprised my sister! Packaging should have been more padded :(The corners were damaged and bent in but my sister didn't seem to mind it as much as I did. Other than the poor packaging I'm pleased. A great cookbook.

The City Tavern cookbook was purchased for my wife, as a Christmas present. She loves the show "A Taste of History," and finds peace when viewing and cooking. She is thrilled with the book and can't wait to start cooking from it. I am happy with her response and the prompt, professional delivery of the product.

As grandparents of 21 kiddos, we are always looking for attractive educational books and films to give them, so when we saw the PBS special of Thomas Jefferson's gardens and kitchens, with the chef/author of this book, we knew that we had to order a copy to give to the younger, now school-age children of our youngest son. They are voracious readers as well as adventuresome cooks, so I know that both they and their parents are enjoying the photos, narratives, and recipes.

Received this book in the mail last week and already have about thirty sticky notes saving pages of recipes I want to try. Work at the site of an 18th century tavern which is the building of a 1826 stone house in Saratoga Springs NY. Going to put on a dinner next month and plan to use many of these recipes. What a great book! Thanks Chef Staib.John Kosek

This is a fantastic book for anyone who loves cooking and a must-have if you enjoy history as well! It gives the reader the opportunity to step back into time and see what the Tavern was cooking up for meals while giving the opportunity to make the meals with detailed recipes! I got this for my

mother-in-law who shares my passion for cooking as well as history and offered to make any dish in the book for her as a bonus Christmas present. So far, she's flipped through the book half a dozen times and still hasn't come up with a choice - because there's just so many! I hear her talking with her other family members quite often about this recipe or that and how interesting their herb and spice choices etc. I purchased the hardbound copy and was very pleased with the quality of the make as well as the book sleeve that came with it.

This book has some great recipes, and it shines the most when it's addressing colonial cuisine in the Mid-Atlantic. Where it falls short is the modern-restaurant cookbook aspect where it's clear certain recipes are modern "please the tourists" fare. I'd hoped for a more scholarly approach to the topic, but the recipes are good nonetheless.

A very interesting book. Many of the recipes are doable by a home cook. Many do require demi-glace which takes about 24 hours to make or is really expensive to buy pre-made.

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