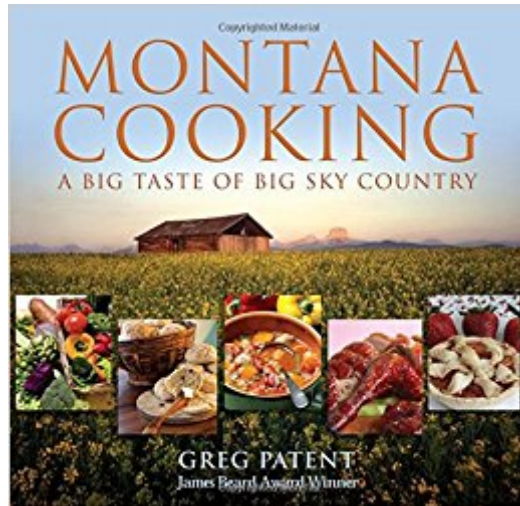




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# Montana Cooking: A Big Taste Of Big Sky Country



## Synopsis

Author Greg Patent frequently writes for food magazines, teaches cooking classes across the country, and has written several cookbooks, including *Baking in America*, which won the James Beard Award in 2003. Now he brings his talents to unforgettable meals and menus from his home state, such as sourdough flapjacks, sage biscuits, and elk steaks, inspired by Big Sky Country.

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From the Mountains to the Plains Start with a healthy dollop of local color, stir in a pinch of immigrant lore, garnish with fresh wit and wisdom from one of the West's most respected chefs and writers, and serve. Feel like sourdough biscuits spiced with sage plucked right off the bush? Have a hankering for Flathead Lake Whitefish Cakes? Curious how to turn your Dutch oven or backyard smoker into a gourmet showcase? Renowned author Greg Patent sifts through the wealth of fresh ingredients available in the northern Rockies, sets each in its historical context, and then builds some of the most mouthwatering recipes west of the Mississippi. Montana Cooking is not only a cookbook of extraordinary depth but also an essential introduction to Montana and to food as a reflection of this majestic place. Learn How to Prepare Some of These Classic Montana Dishes: Huckleberry Muffins Rock Creek Trout in Tomato and Onion Sauce Buffalo Burgers with Thyme in Tarragon Cream Sauce Twice-Moreled Chicken Breasts with Sage Roasted Duck with Sweet Marsala and Balsamic Vinegar Broiled Quail with Dijon Mustard and Toasted Sourdough Bread Crumbs Grilled Buffalo Rib-Eye Steaks with Onion Confit Bitterroot Valley Strawberry Pie Rhubarb, Strawberry Hazelnut Crisp

Missoula resident Greg Patent won second place in the Junior Division of the Pillsbury Bake-Off when he was a teenager. He has been a cookbook judge for the International Association of Culinary Professionals as well as a restaurant judge for the James Beard Foundation. He writes about food and profiles restaurant chefs for his local paper, the Missoulian, and he co-hosts a show about food on Montana Public Radio. About the AuthorGreg Patent is a food writer and cookbook author whose newest cookbook, *A Baker's Odyssey: Celebrating Time-Honored Recipes from America's Rich Immigrant Heritage*, which includes a companion DVD, will be published in December 2007, by John Wiley & Sons. His previous cookbook, *Baking in America: Traditional and Contemporary Favorites from the Past 200 Years* (Houghton Mifflin), won the 2003 James Beard Award for Best Baking Book of the Year and the World Gourmand Cookbook Award for Best Baking Book in the English Language. He is also the author of *A Is for Apple*, co-authored with his wife, Dorothy (Broadway Books, 1999), and numerous other cookbooks. Greg was a regular contributor to *Cooking Light* magazine for 13 years and served on its editorial board. For many years, he had his own cooking show, which aired on The Learning Channel, and he has also been a chef in two Montana restaurants.

My 12-year-old step-son Aidan and I have been baking and cooking together since he was 4. So far, our recipes have come from my bread and cookie books, and our regular monthly *Gourmet* magazine choices. Then, when one of the students in my web development classes this year said that he writes cookbooks, I took special note!Greg Patent was such an interesting student, I had to take a look at a cookbook! So, when I looked *Montana Cooking*, I found that there were a lot of explanations about food and ingredients I wanted to read first. Aidan and I spent a lot of time this past fall and spring making sour dough sweet breads from a started a friend gave me. But, I neglected my poor starter because of business trips. Well, there is information on how to start your own started in *Montana Cooking*. I never actually thought about starting anew!And then there's the story about how our Missoula grocery stores started carrying Asian ingredients. I remember looking for ingredients for a Japanese exchange student to cook with, but I never thought of why they were available!When camp and All-Stars baseball are over, fry bread is on the menu - I have a recipe in *Montana Cooking*!

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