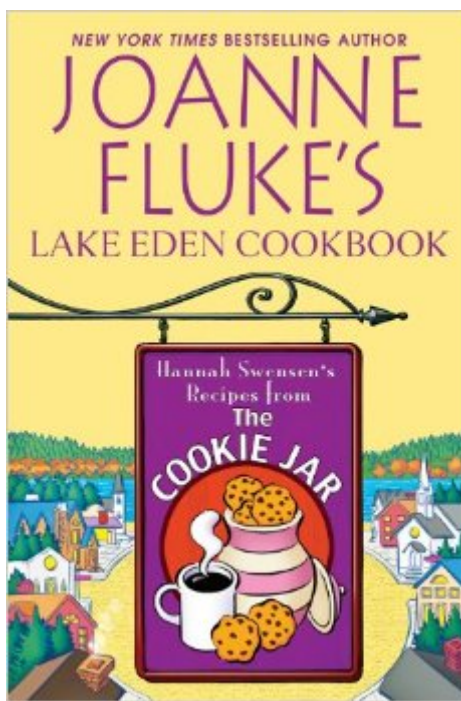


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Joanne Fluke's Lake Eden Cookbook



Synopsis

A delight for fans of Fluke's "New York Times"-bestselling series and for foodies everywhere, this beautifully packaged volume combines the most mouthwatering Hannah Swensen recipes along with new recipes and charming vignettes featuring favorite Lake Eden characters.

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Customer Reviews

If you love, love, love Joanne Fluke and the Hannah Swensen adventures in and out of her bakery/café; "The Cookie Jar" and have many times regretted that you didn't jot down a tempting recipe from one of her books...Regret no longer!! Your wishes have been answered with "The Lake Eden Cookbook". Besides tried and true collected recipes from approximately nine editions, this cookbook encompasses much, much more! You will find so much to enjoy and use; from snippets from some of her beloved books, baking tips, notes by Hannah, Lisa and even Grandma Knudsen, in addition to the mountain of recipes for mouth-watering goodies from appetizers and easy one dish meals to muffins, pies, cakes and of course, cookies, and beyond. I'm enthralled by the no-bake cookies at the moment and intend to make "Norwegian Chocolate Pizza" among others, as soon as the weather cools around our corner of Northeastern Pa. You will love this collection and it will be a wonderful addition to your cookbook shelf--one you will refer to time and time again..I know I will!Nancy Narma

(even though I am about on par with Andrea in terms of cooking abilities--who knew that you had to take the innards out before cooking a chicken, or that there was even such a thing as a \$100

cooking pan/dish/thingy you could so terribly scorch in the course of making Kraft Macaroni & Cheese that it would be ruined...) Seriously though, somehow I expected this to be the Lake Eden cookbook that was getting put together by Hannah for publication during the last few books. I expected, well a cookbook, including recipes that made enough sense that I might be able to do them (or convince my more kitchen-savvy husband to try). Reading the Hannah books always make my mouth water and I was looking forward to having the recipes in one place to wave under my husband's nose. Instead this is a series of recipes from the books (like I wanted) organized by type but located in between little snippets featuring the local residents (and yes, Andrea had yet another funny cooking attempt story). A bit of a Lake Eden bonus it turns out. Oh, and I read the Kindle version...and I was happy to see the footnotes were hyperlinked. In the regular books there would be asterisks and it was not intuitive for me to find the comments as all the asterisks were lumped together at the end (or was it the beginning) of the book in one section. Ultimately you could figure out the nut comment went with the recipe containing nuts, but it was not a simplified process. This book has numbered footnotes and they jump you right to the appropriate comment and, with a touch of the back button, you are where you left off. Much improved formatting! All I can say right now is mmmm....cooooookies...Highly Recommended!JTG

I love reading this series but especially this book. It was like getting to visit with friends. There are many little stories between the recipes (which as always are tempting and I can't wait to try). There is no murder or mystery but that is fine. Joanne Fluke did a great job of making it more than a cookbook. I am amazed at her talent for weaving stories and food together. Thank you Joanne.

One of the highlights of the Hannah Swensen is the delicious recipes in every book. But I can't always remember which recipes are in which book. Plus I hate using the novels for baking. The solution is this new collection of recipes. It contains everything from the beginning through Carrot Cake Murder, so there are recipes from 10 books here. Plus there are 23 new recipes that have never been published before. That about 145 recipes. While there are a few meal and appetizer recipes, almost all of them are for desserts, and mostly cookies. Makes sense since Hannah owns a cookie shop, right? I've had a couple dozen recipes from these books over the years, and all of them have been delicious. And the ones I've baked have always been easy to follow, even for a non-cook like me. As an added bonus, there are snippets of a luncheon that Hannah puts on for her mother and some of her friends. There's no real story, just friends having fun and telling some pretty funny stories. Fans of the series will get a kick out of it. I know I laughed a few times. This is a great way to

get all these delicious recipes in one place. In fact, it's made me want to dig out my mixer and get back into baking. And you don't need to be a fan of the series. If you want some new dessert recipes, don't miss this change to get a bunch of great ones.

I love the Hannah Swenson stories because they are good clean fun to read. I can relate to the characters, and the situations. Having made a number of the wonderful cookie recipes over the years, I am SO HAPPY to finally have the collection in one place. HINT to you who are worried about spilling on your cookbooks. Buy a clear plastic cutting board and use it to HOLD the page open and PROTECT the pages of this and any other cookbook you use. Store it with the cookbooks.

I've seen a few cookbooks based on popular series come and go over the years, but this is the first one that I can say did a good job capturing the feel of the series on which it was based. There are zero pictures in the Lake Eden Cookbook. It is, instead, a hardcover copy of what one would expect from a real community cookbook. The kind you buy from churches or as a fundraiser where everyone contributes a recipe or two and the notes/serving suggestions are delightfully informal. There's even a full color map of the town on the endsheets. The recipes themselves are mostly baking ones (in line with what Joanne Fluke's readers would expect). There are a few, homey recipes for main dishes as well. This book has all of the recipes from the series so far as well as about a dozen new ones. The only thing that bugs me is that the butter used is "salted" and I'm an unsalted butter purist. *Shrug* Bottom line: This is a well done series tie-in book. It might not fit the bill for those who want photos to work from, but it will make an excellent holiday gift for any culinary mystery fan. FTC: review copy courtesy of the publisher

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