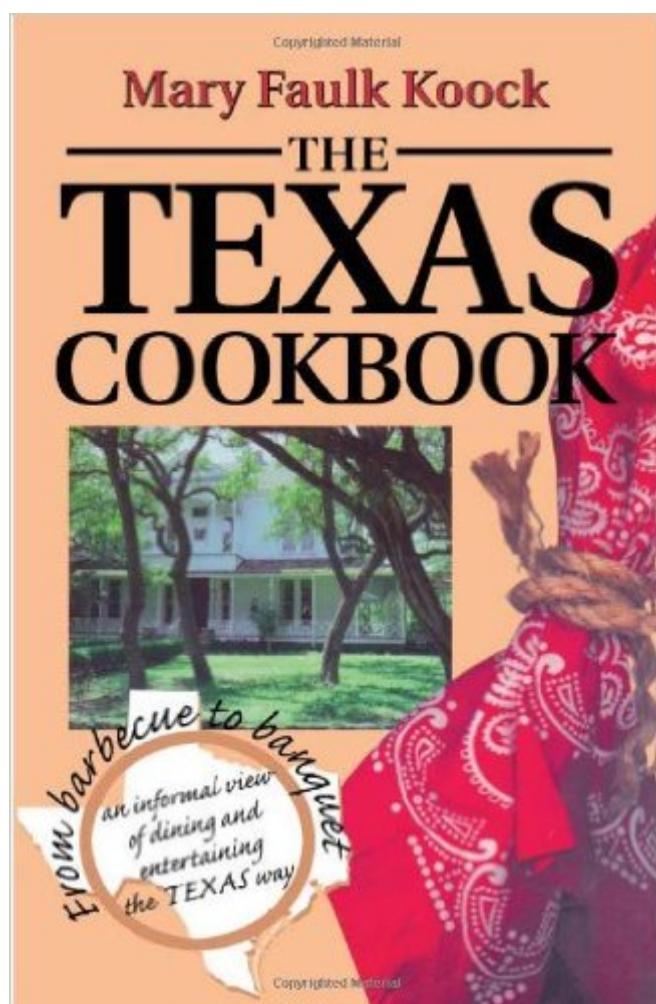


The book was found

The Texas Cookbook: From Barbecue To Banquet—an Informal View Of Dining And Entertaining The Texas Way (Great American Cooking Series)



Synopsis

This delightful collection captures the flavor and diversity of the cuisine of the Lone Star State. The Texas Cookbook presents recipes ranging from down-home cooking to high-class affairs, from regional favorites to ethnic specialties. Mary Faulk Kooock traveled throughout Texas gathering recipes from ranch kitchens and city hostesses. Scattered among these are the authorâ™s anecdotes from her vast and varied encounters with the famous and influential. In Austin John Henry Faulk, the authorâ™s brother, savors Quail Pie with J. Frank Dobie, Walter Prescott, Roy Bedichek, and Mody Boatright. Fort Worthâ™s Van Cliburn enjoys the hostessâ™s biscuits and offers his own recipe for a whole-wheat variety. Here is Lady Bird Johnsonâ™s Peach Ice Cream (the LBJ Ranch) and some expected classics such as Leeâ™s Chili (Amarillo), Venison Roast (the King Ranch), and Black-eyed Peas with Okra (Austin). But you will also find the unusual in Roasted Wild Turkey (the Hill Country), Fried Apricot Pies (Fredericksburg), and Watermelon Rind Preserves (Luling). Regional contributions shine in Sauerbraten (Kerrville), Salsa Brava (Brownsville) and Crawfish Etouffee (Beaumont). At the home of friends in Dallas Kooock reveals the recipe for Chicken Cannelloni served after an opera. We share in her delight with Persimmon Salad in San Antonio, Cold Breast of Duck with Orange Slices in Houston, and Cebollas Rellenas from the Rio Grande Valley. Where else can you learn the story behind Slumgullion, a purported concoction of Fort Worthâ™s Amon Carter Sr., and friend Will Rogers, or find the recipe for Pepparkakor (Swedish Ginger Cookies) from the Austin area? Other cities with recipes featured are Tyler, Abilene, Rockdale, El Paso, Waco, Columbus, and Corpus Christi. Much more than a cookbook, this collection offers a look at a way of life and entertaining, Texas style. Hostess, businesswoman, art patron and supporter, Mary Faulk Kooock has attracted people from all walks of life to her great style and love of life through over numerous printings of The Texas Cookbook. This remarkable woman transformed her family home into one of countryâ™s most elegant restaurants, Green Pastures. She traveled widely and well, nurturing a community of artists, politicians, musicians and ranchers across the state. Her capacity to create experiences and build friendships with everyone whose path she crossed transformed dinners and receptions from the simple to the sumptuous. The Texas Cookbook is a portrait of good food and good company. It goes beyond wonderful recipes and invites us to share the hospitality of leading Texans of the 1960s. Here is a Texas weâ™ll never know again, peopled by larger-than-life personalities and embellished with a lifestyle of grace and fun. Travel across the state and have breakfast with Van Cliburn, lunch at the world-famous King Ranch, the “eighth wonder of the world,â• and dinner with Joan Sutherland and Dorothy and Richard Rogers. Join Mary Faulk Kooock as she stages lunch for LBJ, Harry Truman, and Sam

Rayburn and a post-concert dinner for pianist Leonard Pennario; and see if you don't have more fun than Martha Stewart could ever imagine.

Book Information

Series: Great American Cooking Series (Book 1)

Paperback: 496 pages

Publisher: University of North Texas Press (August 16, 2001)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1574411365

ISBN-13: 978-1574411362

Product Dimensions: 5.6 x 1.1 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.4 out of 5 stars (See all reviews) (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #958,747 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #185 in Books > Cookbooks, Food & Wine > Regional & International > U.S. Regional > West #236 in Books > Cookbooks, Food & Wine > Regional & International > U.S. Regional > Southwest

Customer Reviews

Mary Koock's The Texas Cookbook: From Barbecue To Banquet - An Informal View Of Dining And Entertaining The Texas Way is a wonderful collection of recipes and anecdotal stories that showcase the diversity of Texas cuisine ranging from down-home cooking to high-class affairs, and from regional favorites to ethnic specialities. From Mom's Potato Cake; Lime Light Pie; Watermelon Cake; and Sam's Charcoaled Fish; to Mae Shepherd's Curry Chicken Salad; Bernice Rosalind's Lemon Bisque; Honey Walnut Bread, and Jean Kritser's Pickled Okra, The Texas Cookbook is a superbly presented, highly recommended compendium of fine eating and background stories.

We ate at Mary's home restaurant back in the 60's and got her cookbook, signed of course and have worn it out. This purchase is a replacement. I have a cookbook collection and Mary's Texas Cookbook is one of the top three. Her German Chocolate cake and Yorkshire pudding have been part of our traditional Christmas dinner for decades.

This is so much more than a cookbook! It's a snapshot of life in Texas in the '60s, and even includes stories from years prior when Mary Koock was a girl. Mrs. Koock wrote about some people as if the reader should automatically know who they all were, but even if you don't, it gives the book

a familiar feel, as if the author is taking you into her confidence and sharing these anecdotes with you as she would with a friend. Her writing is dynamic, and I actually laughed out loud several times while reading the book. To be honest, I haven't actually made any of the recipes yet, but I have no doubt they'll turn out wonderfully. Even if they didn't, I would still love this book.

I suppose I have a unique perspective on this cookbook. I and my first husband (now deceased) were intimate friends of Mary and Chester Koock and their whole family during our courtship and early married years. During 1965, my husband was a house guest of the Koocks, his family and theirs being quite close, and that is when we met and became engaged. We were frequent guests of the family at Green Pastures, even at the family Easter Sunday brunch. All the family were consistently friendly, welcoming, and treated us as part of their family. We were included in the wedding and reception of their daughter Gretchen, and many other family gatherings. Even after all these years have passed, I still hold a loving place in my heart for Green Pastures and for all the Koock family although I understand they do not actively engage in its management as in the past. Today I am taking my very special sister and friend to lunch at Green Pastures I look forward so much to enjoying its tasteful and lovely ambiance, and to introducing her to the "Grand Dame of Austin Restaurants":

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Texas Cookbook: From Barbecue to Banquet; an Informal View of Dining and Entertaining the Texas Way (Great American Cooking Series) Southern Cooking: Southern Cooking Cookbook - Southern Cooking Recipes - Southern Cooking Cookbooks - Southern Cooking for Thanksgiving - Southern Cooking Recipes - Southern Cooking Cookbook Recipes Burnt Orange Planner, Agenda, Organizer for Students, (Undated) Large 8.5 X 11, Weekly View, Monthly View, Yearly View How to Grill: The Complete Illustrated Book of Barbecue Techniques, A Barbecue Bible! Cookbook Soccernomics: Why England Loses, Why Spain, Germany, and Brazil Win, and Why the U.S., Japan, Australia; and Even Iraq; Are Destined to Become the Kings of the World's Most Popular Sport Soccernomics: Why England Loses, Why Spain, Germany, and Brazil Win, and Why the U.S., Japan, Australia; and Even Iraq; Are Destined to Become the Kings of the World's Most Popular Sport Serious Barbecue: Smoke, Char, Baste & Brush Your Way to Great Outdoor Cooking. Williams-Sonoma Entertaining: Thanksgiving Entertaining Legends of Texas Barbecue Cookbook: Recipes and Recollections from the Pitmasters, Revised & Updated with 32 New Recipes! Legends of Texas Barbecue Cookbook: Recipes and Recollections from the Pit Bosses The Nolan Ryan Beef & Barbecue Cookbook: Recipes from a Texas Kitchen Smoke &

Spice, Updated and Expanded 3rd Edition: Cooking With Smoke, the Real Way to Barbecue Grilled Pizza the Right Way: The Best Technique for Cooking Incredible Tasting Pizza & Flatbread on Your Barbecue Perfectly Chewy & Crispy Every Time Asterix Omnibus 2: Includes Asterix the Gladiator #4, Asterix and the Banquet #5, Asterix and Cleopatra #6 Pickers and Poets: The Ruthlessly Poetic Singer-Songwriters of Texas (John and Robin Dickson Series in Texas Music, sponsored by the Center for Texas) Asterix and the Banquet: Album #5 (Asterix (Orion Paperback)) (Bk. 5) Interactive 3-D Maps: American History: Easy-to-Assemble 3-D Maps That Students Make and Manipulate to Learn Key Facts and Concepts in a Kinesthetic Way! A Banquet of Consequences: A Lynley Novel, Book 19 Addictions: A Banquet in the Grave: Finding Hope in the Power of the Gospel (Resources for Changing Lives) Practical Evaluation Guide: Tools for Museums and Other Informal Educational Settings (American Association for State and Local History)

[Dmca](#)