

Beat This! Cookbook: Absolutely Unbeatable Knock-'em-Dead Recipes for the Very Best Dishes

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Ann Hodgman : Beat This! Cookbook: Absolutely Unbeatable Knock-'em-Dead Recipes for the Very Best Dishes before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beat This! Cookbook: Absolutely Unbeatable Knock-'em-Dead Recipes for the Very Best Dishes:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. There are many good recipes in this bookBy art detectiveI had a copy of this book before and recently gave it away. It was a bit dog eared. However, I realized I had also given away a recipe I needed...so had to get another copy just for the one recipe. Having said that was my reason is not fair to the book as a whole. There are many good recipes in this book; and with fall approaching, I am looking forward to doing some baking.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Beat This!By Rebecca PenovichAnn Hodgman is hilarious! You will love her head notes preceding each recipe and her witty, offhand comments for techniques and ingredients. She should write a blog about food. She doesn't take herself or her food too seriously (thank goodness) but you can tell she serious about flavor and taste. My husband raved about her "Best Ever Beef Stew" and ate it every day for 3 days--he consumed almost the whole batch--I had one bowl! I also bought her cookbook for picky eaters--also very funny with lots of recipes to try for kids who are wary about green flecks in their food.12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. It's so good, it's become a cultBy A CustomerI love this book. My mom got it for me years ago, and lately I've been bringing stuff I've baked into the office. I've now converted three co-workers, who each went out and bought this AND her second cookbook, "Beat That." I bought "One Bite Won't Kill You" (for moms of picky

kids) for my sister-in-law for Christmas. She loves that. It's just the perfect cookbook to have when you're in the mood for something specific, and you want it to knock people's socks off: gingerbread, cornbread, chocolate chip cookies, brownies, etc etc. To own it is to love it!

Do you think you have the absolute best recipe for apple pie? Maybe your neighbor claims to make the best meatloaf around. Did your Italian grandmother serve the best spaghetti sauce this side of the Atlantic? Well, unless you or that neighbor or your grandmother is Ann Hodgman, you're wrong! The book that the editor in chief of *Vanity Fair* called the funniest, most engaging book about food I've ever come across has now been revised and updated: more than half the recipes are completely new, and many of the originals have been oomphed up to make them even more shamelessly delicious. *Beat This!* Cookbook contains more than a hundred all-time favorites, from Burnt Sugar Ice Cream and White Chocolate Raspberry Pie to Chili-Cheese Casserole and Onion Rings. Each one is guaranteed to make people take a bite, stagger with joy, and beg you for the recipe.

From Publishers Weekly In this revised and updated edition of Ann Hodgman's 1993 book, there are fewer breads and cakes, and more main dishes, vegetables, and sides. Recipes are arranged in alphabetical order rather than in categories, making this book better for browsing than for looking up a particular dish (although there is a traditional index). The premise, that the recipes are the best of their type ("there's just no point in trying any other recipes for these foods but these," Hodgman asserts), at first seems a bit haughty and also doubtful. But Hodgman admits that these matters are subjective ("doesn't every cookbook author think her recipes are the best?"), and the book emerges as a truly personal collection of tried-and-true formulas for classics like brownies, apple pie, roast chicken, beef stew, artichoke dip, and mashed potatoes. There is, in a sense, something very enticing about trying these recipes; anticipation is high as one thinks, "Will this really be the meatloaf recipe I've been waiting for all my life?" In the case of the banana bread, for example, it just might be. So if you've been looking for that perfect pot roast or carrot cake but haven't quite found it, or if you need a dish you can count on to serve to a crowd, give Hodgman's recipes a whirl. (Mar.) (c) Copyright PWxyz, LLC. All rights reserved. "This book emerges as a truly personal collection of tried-and-true formulas for classics... There is...something very enticing about trying these recipes... So if you've been looking for that perfect pot roast or carrot cake but haven't quite found it, or you need a dish you can count on to serve to a crowd, give Hodgman's recipes a whirl."