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Customer Reviews

This book would have been better titled "Dips" as it has more recipes for dips to use after you make a fondue than the fondue itself. It does discuss fondues, very briefly, but it didn't tell me anything I didn't already know and it didn't answer the questions I needed answered. If you aren't already well acquainted with making fondues this book will be of little help.

I think some people expected a two-book 1,000 page volume about how to do Fondue when they got this book. For \$10 this book is outstanding as every single recipe has color photos and good instructions. I have made 50% of the fondues in the book for entertaining and there was not one that I served to guests that didn't stop all other conversation and make the party a hit. So far, all of the recipes have been unbelievably delicious and unique. This was my first experiment with "The Book Of..." cooking series and made me look at the other 50 or so titles. The book assumes that you have some basic knowledge of cooking.

This book has served me well for both fondue and Mongolian hot pot meals. I would agree that it isn't a book for beginners, as you have to improvise a bit to get exactly what you want. . . but it is good for providing a jumping off point. For those who like to cook meats in broth instead of oil, the book has several simple and tasty recipes for dipping sauces spread throughout the book.

This book does assume you have some basic idea of fondue. It does talk about different pots to

use, and how to prepare for a fondue dinner (what to provide guests, how to instruct them, etc). It doesn't discuss things like why alcohol is used in many recipes (to prevent cheese from curdling) & cooking techniques, like keeping the heat on low. However, these are adequately covered in newsgroups & web sites. The cheese fondue recipes are very good & simple. They usually don't call for expensive ingredients and do suggest many dipping foods. There are color pictures on every page. The sauces for Tempura are weak. While tasty, the variety is slim -- you'll use diff. sauces for seafood vs. beef vs. chicken. Additionally, there are yummy looking dessert fondue recipes 'tho I have not tried those yet. Overall, very good book for the money.

There are 66 fondue recipes in this 120 page book, ranging from the traditional cheese, meat and seafood entrees to deserts (Drambuie Cream Fondue). The rest of the recipes are for dips and accompaniments that complete the individual fondues, and there are 6 recommended menus that combine the individual recipes into elegant meals. This is a 5 star book we have been using for the last 20 years.

I think this book is good but a bit confusing if you are new to fondue. I was new to fondue and I actually bought this book because it has gorgeous and simple photos and recipe pages. It has a picture of the completed product at the top and step by step photos next to the instructions. I liked that simplicity a lot. However, I found that it didn't explain the basics of fondue in a detailed enough way for me. Because it has so many dip and sauce recipes, I was confused as to what fondue meant...or what a fondue process was...Having said all that, I do still believe it is one of the best photographed and simply laid out books. The recipe & photos are all on one page, it has step by step pictures next to the recipe steps. I enjoy looking at this book and using it now that I understand the basics of fondue better. Some of the recipes are really elaborate and multi stepped - like "go bake these cookies and then make this sauce so you can dip them in" Others are simple.

I enjoy the book. Its great to know that there are so many ways I can use my fondue machine. The sauces looks very interest and tasty. I will try most of them

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