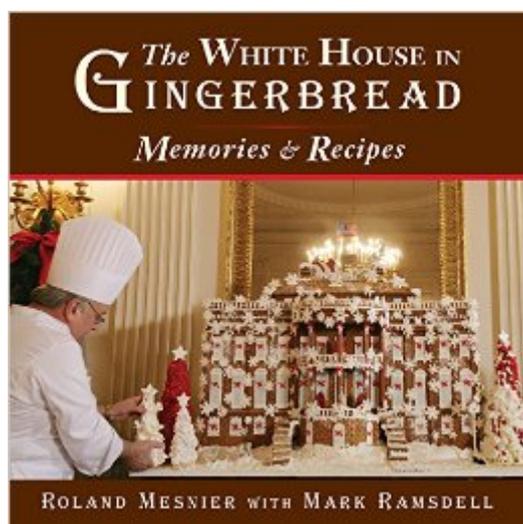


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# The White House In Gingerbread: Memories And Recipes



## Synopsis

In this memoir and cookbook, Roland Mesnier, executive pastry chef to five presidents, tells the story behind each of the holiday gingerbread houses he created for display in the White House State Dining Room. Chef Mesnier also provides step-by-step instructions and templates for constructing and decorating a gingerbread house in the home kitchen. During the holidays, thousands of guests are served freshly made cookies and desserts at buffet events and private receptions. More than thirty of Chef Mesnier's White House favorite holiday recipes are featured including such cookies as coconut chocolate squares and linzer stars and trees; traditional holiday recipes such as buche de Noel, fruit cake, and egg nog; cakes and soufflés such as orange sabayon, spice cake, and gingerbread soufflé; and lastly, meringues, mousses, fillings, frozen desserts, and fresh fruit. The book includes a foreword by First Lady Rosalynn Carter, who hired Chef Mesnier in 1979, and a foreword by First Lady Laura Bush, who was in the White House when Chef Mesnier retired in 2004.

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A wonderful, pictorial summary of the gingerbread houses that were constructed to decorate the White House for the Christmas holiday season with commentary from the executive chef who oversaw the design and production. The color photos are great, and I'm anxious to try the recipes (scaled for home cooks) in my own kitchen. The appended templates will be helpful in cutting them out so that readers can create their own special holiday treats! I'd read his earlier book on his experiences in the White House; so, I expected that this book would combine a bit of the earlier

style and humor. I wasn't disappointed!

The book is amazing with beautiful photos of Gingerbread Houses at The White House. I was a White House Volunteer from 1980-1988 and this book is a treasure of wonderful memories, sights and smells at Christmas in the White House. It has a special place now in my home for all to enjoy!

I enjoyed this book immensely, especially the photos and descriptions of the artistic creations. It was a great continuation of Chef Roland's "All the Presidents' Pastries" books. The recipes were a nice addition.

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