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Pierre Hermé Macarons: The Ultimate Recipes From The Master Pâtissier



Synopsis

Including more than 60 elegantly photographed recipes, *Pierre Hermé Macaron* is the definitive guide to macarons. The uncontested leader of French pastry chefs, Pierre Hermé has made the macaron one of the most coveted, sought-after desserts from Tokyo to Paris to New York. In this comprehensive look at the beloved pastry, the classics such as vanilla and chocolate are explored alongside Hermé's masterful inventions. His entirely original and inspired flavor combinations—such as cucumber and tangerine, wasabi cream and strawberry, and hazelnut and asparagus—make it clear why Hermé's macarons are famous the world over. The genius pâtissier's best macarons, including many of his newest recipes, are revealed for the first time in a gorgeous volume that almost rivals the beauty of the exquisite creations featured within. Hardcover includes a removable step-by-step guide to techniques used throughout the book.

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Customer Reviews

I had to get a copy of this book which are recipes of Pierre Herme's where he learned how to make macarons with Gaston Lenotre' to his flavorful journey of making exquisite flavorful flavors: traditional, savory and out of this world. This book is for the experienced bakers, pastry chefs and other foodies who want to make these macarons for enjoyment, entertaining, etcetera. When I received this book as the first reviewer thought. This was a bigger book than I thought which may resemble to the ph10 which is similar in thickness and size. I was so excited about it as I glanced through the recipes, I found out the measurements are labeled in cups for the North American market and in grams. The author stressed using g is the most precise measurement you can use

and is easier modifying recipe yields. The book looks very elaborate, and is presented well from macaron recipes categorized in different groups: Introduction (History of the Macaron plus how Pierre Herme' learned the craft of making macarons from Pastry Chef Gaston Lenotre' in Paris at the age of 14 to his journey of making the traditional flavors of lemon, coffee, caramel and raspberry to his journey of making unique flavor combinations when he worked on his own and open his own pastry shops in mid-2000s. I liked the book layout which introduces his personal stories and food experiences about making the macaron, the recipes, and the following pages follow colorful and stylish photography how each macaron is crafted and made. The recipes are written in a concise way to fit 2 to 3 pages, and they want to include stylish and stunning photography.

CONS: The one thing I don't like is when I read the recipes -- he combines the liquefied eggwhites to 220g, when it should be separated into 2 equal parts that are stated on his past books. Note: when you the recipes for making macaron shells. Always divide the 2 equal parts of 110g Liquefied eggwhites separately in 2 cups or bowls. In the instructions, when you read how the eggwhites are prepared. 220g of eggwhites are separated into 2 equal parts, Then it is refrigerated for 7 days prior to making the macarons. Second, there are only few ingredients that only available in France.

PROS: *Then at the beginning of the book, he states that he uses blanched almonds that need to be dried for 2 days at room temperature prior making macarons. Traditionally done in French pastry. Time and patience is an essence here when making stunning pastries. Also, I noticed that some of the ingredients are only found on specific regions like olive oil, mandarin oranges, rose essence -- but the author also gives you other options to use other sources on what you may have available locally. So this is no biggie. The methods that are used are practical either for a chef and an experienced home baker. The yields makes 144 1.5-inch macaron shells or 72 macarons. So this is pretty big for an experienced baker, and recipes can be decreased or increased depending on your desire to make these macarons. There is also a kitchen step-by-step guide inserted at the back of the book. The ganache recipes can be prepared using a bain-maire (double boiler), or a microwave. This book features traditional, Pierre Herme' Classics, and his own signature and popular collections. Some are old from his pastry books and there are others that are new especially the Infinitement Chocolate. Caraquillo, Jardin d' automne, and many others.

MY TIPS: Liquefied eggwhites means that if you used fresh eggs. You just have to separate eggwhites and egg yolks. Put 110g eggwhites in a cup or mug. Then cover them in plastic wrap tightly, and then poke holes on the plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 7 days before making the macarons.

FINAL WORD ABOUT THIS BOOK: For those, who collect Macaron or Pierre Herme' books or who are experienced bakers who would like to refresh their flavor combinations of macarons -- this is the book for you. I am considered both and

trying to find multiple flavors that go well together and are balanced in five tastes: sweet, salty, bitter, sour and umami. This book is well presented in Pierre Herme's way as he is the architect of how unique flavors go well together with nuances coming from fruits, vegetables, spices and chocolate. His travels and the discovery of flavors from different countries has expanded his palate and resembles them making his pastry creations at his pastry shops. His regular customers wanted more and try out new flavors and pastries that he sells. He has an open mind, and is a modest pastry chef as he likes to entice his clients with flavors that are memorable yet different. But also teaches in international events, and writes books to pass down the knowledge for a generation that loves these little pastries. Pierre Herme does it in a fashionable way, yet the photography is absolutely stunning. The recipes are targeted for the experienced bakers, pastry chefs, food stylist and for foodies who like to engage on exploring more unusual flavor combinations and yet enjoy these little pastries called the macaron-- The Ultimate Macaron.

The big is bigger in size than I thought. The macaron pictures are beautiful plus it's nice to see the inside of the macaron and not just the outside. The macaron flavors are in categories, "My new classics, My fetish flavor combinations, my style is taste, the veloutes collection, the jardins". The majority of the flavors are in french but by reading the description or looking at the photo one can figure out the flavor. The instructions in making the macarons are long but helpful. Included with the book is a kitchen guide to making macaron shells and chocolate ganache step by step which is very helpful. If you are a fan of macarons this is a nice book to add to your macaron book collection. Learn from the master!

A MUST for serious macaron bakers! After weeks of unpredictable macaron batches using the French meringue method I switched to the Italian meringue method. Not one unsuccessful batch since my switch so I decided to purchase this recipe book not only for inspiration but to test out his flavor combinations. Amazing!! He also encloses in the back of the book a kitchen guide, step by steps with pictures and easy recipes with exotic ingredients. Yes, the ingredients can be expensive and obviously you can improvise with what is available to you. I recommend for those who want to go from basic macaron making to a whole new creative world!

Stunningly beautiful book on macarons - best I've seen. Recipes are detailed enough and photos are amazing. It's the perfect Pierre Hermé book as far as the incredible flavor combinations, which are very inspiring. Very well written and the new recipes are great to read through. Love the story at

the front on how he and his business partner made these confections global.

This book is amazing. The pictures are high quality and stunning and really spark your creativity when it comes to baking macarons. Just made the raspberry ones yesterday and they turned out amazing. This is by no means a beginner book, it expects you to know how to make macarons, there are no hints or tips, besides the first few pages. Other than that it's just a bunch of recipes that I can't wait to try. Plus, the book make a great coffee table books, oversized and beautiful. I just wish the recipes were printing a little bigger for easy reference, but I can live with that if they make beautiful macarons.

This is a great book with many interesting recipes from Pierre Hermé. If you ever tried his macarons, you will definitely want to do the same one on your own kitchen! This book is full of beautiful pictures (which inspire me in my food photography), good recipes (as for me - clear written, and step-by-step guide to techniques is a good plus to those, who want to know how to do macarons right). Yes, there are some ingredients which is not the regular one from your nearest grocery store, but on the other hand, macarons is something more complicated then regular sponge cake! And if you want some interesting, multi-sided taste - so you need something special inside (which you could always find on). And you could always replace some ingredients with another one, just google it for replacement, or find recipe for it! Also - grind your own almond flour gives you a little better taste, but if you take almond flour from the nearest store it will also taste great! The art of cooking is not just mixing together ingredients, it is all about inspiration, new ideas, enjoyment of the process, new techniques and knowledges - this is all about this book and macarons. I highly recommend this book! P.S. Attached photos show recipes from the book - Chloe, Infiniment Mandarine, Chocolate* This review was written by my wife

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