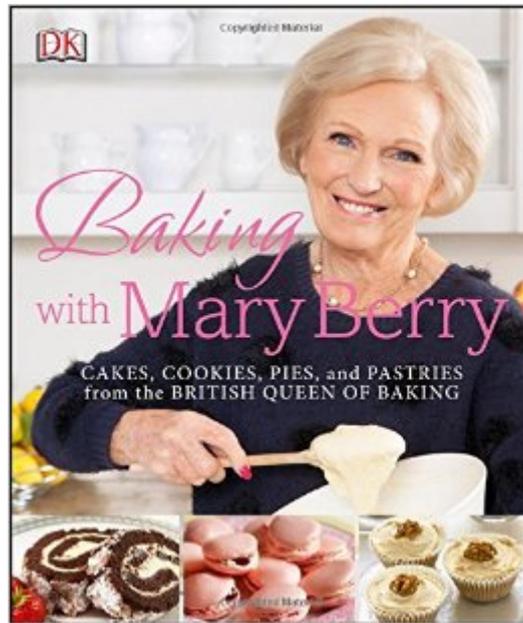


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Baking With Mary Berry



Synopsis

A sweet and savory collection of more than 100 foolproof recipes from the reigning "Queen of Baking" Mary Berry, who has made her way into American homes through ABC's primetime series, *The Great Holiday Baking Show*, and the PBS series, *The Great British Baking Show*. *Baking with Mary Berry* draws on Mary's more than 60 years in the kitchen, with tips and step-by-step instructions for bakers just starting out and full-color photographs of finished dishes throughout. The recipes follow Mary's prescription for dishes that are no fuss, practical, and foolproof—from breakfast goods to cookies, cakes, pastries, and pies, to special occasion desserts such as cheesecake and soufflés, to British favorites that will inspire. Whether you're tempted by Mary's Heavenly Chocolate Cake and Best-Ever Brownies, intrigued by her Mincemeat and Almond Tart or Magic Lemon Pudding, or inspired by her Rich Fruit Christmas Cake and Ultimate Chocolate Roulade, the straightforward yet special recipes in *Baking with Mary Berry* will prove, as one reviewer has said of her recipes, "if you can read, you can cook."

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Customer Reviews

Okay, so I got this because I'm a HUGE fan of *The Great British Bake Off* and I always want to make the stuff on the show. Do you need to be a fan of the show or know Mary Berry to want this cookbook? No. If you love the show will you like the cookbook? YES. There is a huge range of recipes from zucchini bread to Heavenly Chocolate Cake with everything in between like French Pancakes. You get a pretty picture, list of ingredients, and the directions. All of it was or looks simple-- most had 3 - 5 steps and basic ingredients like flour, sugar, butter. And the one ingredient I had to buy (sunflower oil) was easily available at the grocery store (I live in a large city). I first made

the Zucchini Loaf (8 ingredients/ 4 steps) and it was delicious. So good I served it as a "side" with dinner because I couldn't stop eating it. To be honest the only thing I thought that might be a bummer was that I was going to have to convert the measurements the way I sometimes have to for European cookbooks/blogs but I didn't. This is definitely a good buy for fans of Mary Berry, The Great British Bake Off, or as a gift for anyone who enjoys baking-- or wants to start.

I never heard about Mary Berry until I opened this book. Then I went on YouTube to check her videos. She's got some spunk to her. The life and joy radiates from her face features. Her recipes are marvelous. She loves to cook. Even her name is beautiful. Baking with Mary Berry is full of tips, photos, and recipes. Some recipes have as little as three steps to make, and others five. Pies, cobblers, breads, desserts, and a hint of British heritage are some things you will find in the book. Delicious, yet homely dishes and baking goods will be a staple at your home after reading this book. She inspires me to discover new and lovely foods.

I absolutely love Mary Berry after being introduced to her on The Great British Baking Show. I was always so jealous that I couldn't get one of her cookbooks with American measurements and temperatures. Well, now I can try her recipes without having to worry about conversions. All the recipes are well written and simple to follow. She goes into great details about how to do all kinds of classic techniques, from whisking egg whites to making puff pastry. There were so many recipes I wanted to try, I wasn't sure where to start. So I decided to make Devon Scones, a British favorite. They were just scrummy!!!! I can't wait to try more recipes.

I have the Kindle version of this book and find the formatting is great. I love this show, and I really like this book. The pictures are great, and the recipes are much easier than I thought they'd be. The pictures are full color and step by step. There's lots of tips too, like tips for making and working with pastry, and meringue. I have enjoyed learning how to make little shapes, like pinwheels. The recipes are in standard US measurements, and are by cup size, so they are very accessible. The ingredients and cookware needed, or things like baking papers- they are all easy to find locally for me, and I live in a small city with little food culture outside a lot of fast food restaurants. I love the recipe for White chocolate and strawberry muffins & lemon meringue pie. There's a lot of these recipes that I've not tried, but only for lack of time. About all of them look good, and are pretty easy for about anyone. Intermediate will certainly have no problems with ANY of these recipes. This is one of my favorite dessert baking cookbooks.

Let me just start out this review with an ... "Oh my goodness ~ I'm in Dessert Heaven!" I can cook well but I've not been much of a baker. After watching The Great British Bake Off (and drooling over all of those luscious sweets), I just couldn't pass up the opportunity to review Mary Berry's newest cookbook, Baking with Mary Berry. I was enthralled by the recipes in this cookbook! but also a bit nervous because some of the recipes are rather fancy. I wondered if I would ever be able to make them? But as I love desserts of most any kind, I decided to go for it! Her recipes are clear, understandable and each recipe is written with our American measurements which makes it so much easier than having to convert to the metric measurements. I plan to start with the simpler muffin recipes, chocolate cake and brownies then work my way up to the more fancier desserts like coffee eclair, royal raspberry tart. I don't think my family will mind being my taste testers; they're already going through the cook book marking down the recipes they would like to have me make. This book would make a fantastic gift for someone in your life who loves to bake or is yearning to learn. At the time of this post ~ Amazon has a special (\$1.99) on sale for the kindle version of Baking with Mary Berry. Thank you to Edelweiss and DK publishing for the opportunity to read this book in exchange for an honest review.

So far everything I have tried from this cookbook has turned out beautifully. I first saw her on the American version of the great Christmas bake off. Very good book wonderful photography as well. Well done.

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