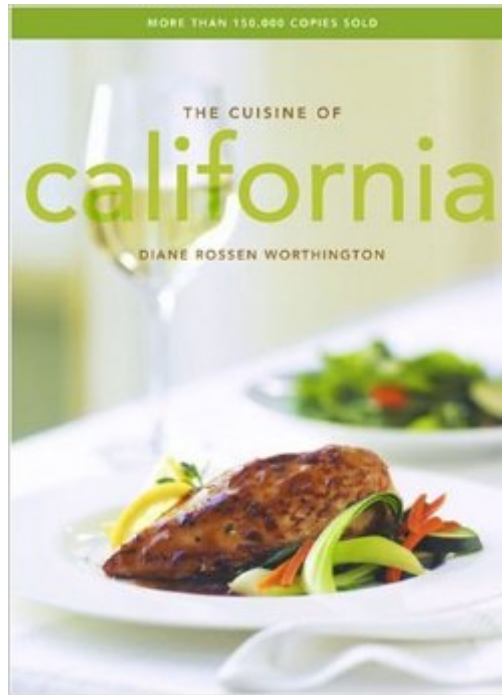


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# The Cuisine Of California



## Synopsis

Long considered the bible of California cuisine, Diane Rossen Worthington's classic cookbook is now reissued with an eye-catching new cover. With over 150,000 copies sold, *The Cuisine of California* remains as fresh and surprising, as simple and spirited as the cooking it extols. Appetizers such as Spicy Lemon Shrimp; soups such as luscious Fennel, Potato, and Leek; entrees such as herb-infused Roast Chicken Stuffed with Goat Cheese and Leeks; desserts such as a refreshing Strawberry Sorbet here are more than 200 recipes that are as at home on the family table as they are at a dinner party. Using time-honored techniques and unexpected (but accessible) ingredients, this beloved cookbook is a paragon of its class, bringing the delicious flavors of California into kitchens everywhere.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I bought a first edition of the hardcover *The Cuisine of California* way back when and cooked so many wonderful, flavorful dishes from it that nearly every page was sprinkled with carrot soup or dijon mustard sauce! When I saw the new paperback edition in the cookbook section at my local bookstore, I was overjoyed to see that I could get a CLEAN copy, and that a new batch of serious home cooks would have a chance to sample from this sophisticated, but easy and well-organized work. Members of my family still ask for "that great pork loin stuffed with apricots dish from your favorite cookbook!"--and I never tire of making it, since the directions are easy to follow and not loaded with fat. To me, *The Cuisine of California* has become a culinary standard, right up there with the *Joy of Cooking*, *The Silver Palate*, and all the James Beard cookbooks.

I've had my copy of *The Cuisine of California* for almost 20 years--and its stains, tears and loose pages testify to its worth. Got a dinner party coming up? Pull out this book and you're guaranteed to find a winning recipe--with menu and wine suggestions too. Want a cozy and delicious dinner for two? You'll find great ideas inside. The ingredients lists and recipes are clear and supplemented by a glossary. I've halved and doubled recipes with little difficulty and have never had a failure. I trust this book so much that I've routinely served guests a dish I hadn't prepared before--with rave reviews! This is a cookbook that belongs in every kitchen!

On our trip to Napa Valley we spent a few nights in a great city called Calistoga. There we had the best food on this earth. We stopped by the Culinary Institute to look at some cookbooks, so I enquired about a book that would have the same recipes that we were tasting on our trip...this was what they recommended. My favorite recipe is Grilled Lemon-mustard Chicken. I recommend this book highly, as I purchase a copy for my brother the chef, for Christmas!

Living in the Napa Valley has certainly changed my eating and cooking tastes! Again and again, this cookbook is the answer to my culinary needs. Some favorite recipes are the Herbed Butternut Squash-Apple Soup, Baked Sonoma Goat Cheese with Emerald Sauce, Caesar Salad, Beet and Walnut Salad with Blue Cheese, California Fish Stew (Yum) to name a few. An added benefit of the cookbook is the wine recommendation given with each recipe. I am ordering three copies today. One copy to replace mine which has fallen apart, and two copies for gifts. My old copy has no pictures and I don't know if the new release will have any, but I haven't felt shortchanged by the lack of pictures in my nearly 20 years of using this book.

There is one huge problem with this cookbook, it is so wonderful, so full of outrageously delicious recipes that the binding just does not hold up to hard use. I want a hard back copy and it simply is not available. If you love to serve elegant delicious fare, then this is one of THE MUST HAVE, MUST USE cookbooks. I am ordering my 4th copy as the others have all fallen apart due to over use. This book will become a dependable "kitchen friend". I've even taken to keeping an extra copy on hand to gift to friends. It is a rarity to find a cookbook where every recipe is foolproof, elegant, and delicious.

After signing on to .com to purchase yet another 2 copies of *The Cuisine of California* which has become a standard gift choice for me, I was beyond shocked to find a disparaging review by

Marielle. This book is one of the best cookbooks ever written. Each recipe has become a classic in my kitchen. As an avid collector of cookbooks, there are some 400 in my collection, if I were asked to recommend one book, without question The Cuisine of California would be my choice! A standard without a doubt!

I use this cookbook all the time. Everything is great

I had dinner at a friend's house and complimented her on the meal. She showed me the cookbook she used...The Cuisine of California and I promptly bought it. Another friend was over for dinner and commented on how much she liked the combination of foods I put together and I bought her the book. It gives suggestions for food combinations that work very well together.

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