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The Homesick Texan's Family Table: Lone Star Cooking From My Kitchen To Yours



Synopsis

From beloved food blogger Lisa Fain, aka the Homesick Texan, comes this follow-up to her wildly popular debut cookbook, featuring more than 125 recipes for wonderfully comforting, ingredient-driven Lone Star classics that the whole family will love. There are few things finer than a delicious, homemade meal shared with family and friends. Take it from Lisa Fain, a seventh-generation Texan who loves to cook and serve up the best dishes her home state has to offer—even though she now lives half a country away. The Homesick Texan's Family Table showcases more than 100 of Lisa's best and most-loved recipes, ranging from down-home standards (think cheesy nachos, comforting chicken and dumplings, and fiery wings) to contemporary riffs on the classics (who knew adding Mexican spices to a German chocolate cake would taste so good?). All of Lisa's recipes are made with fresh, seasonal ingredients, yet still packed with real Texas flavor that will make your grandmother smile. Whether you're looking for a party-friendly snack like Pigs in Jalapeño Blankets, a Mustard Coleslaw to bring as a side to your next potluck, a weeknight- and family-friendly meal like Steak Fingers with Cream Gravy, or a mouthwatering dessert like Ruby Red Grapefruit and Pecan Sheet Cake, The Homesick Texan's Family Table has you covered. After all, with some mighty fine food and mighty fine people to enjoy it, any meal can be cause for celebration.

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And you surely don't need to be from Texas to make good--great--use of these recipes! Lisa Fain

makes a point of telling family stories in the process of relating recipes and where they came from and how they were developed. It makes the whole book cozy, warm and friendly. Throughout, there is great writing, gracious, welcoming and companionable. And, in addition to a picture of most all finished recipes, she hit on the perfect Texas landscape photographs, too: Just the right ones to bring on great memories. The book is filled with pictures. In the Breakfast and Brunch section, she's got a recipe for home-made bacon and molasses sausage; a savory-sweet apple and pepper Dutch Baby pancake; (I could have thought of that, liking Dutch Baby "pancakes" as we do at our house. Just make it savory instead of sweet.); a variety of flour tortillas and biscuits, and a recipe for the beloved Texas Czech sausage kolache. Her Starters and Snacks chapter includes a recipe for another beloved food: Pimento cheese, this one with jalapenos. If you are not into pimento cheese, there is a cheese ball with bacon and jalapenos. We have many pecan trees on our property, and her recipe for Orange-Cinnamon Candied Pecans is now a permanent resident of my "Pecans" file folder. Some of her recipes are just Texas interpretations and twists on family favorites from all over the country, (roasted pumpkin seeds, nachos, spiced oyster crackers, fajitas, pecan pie, etc., as examples), but they are still nice additions to this cook book.

So. I pretty much loved The Homesick Texan. It's a beautiful cookbook and even though I can't really cook most of the recipes--unless there are guests visiting--since I'm a vegetarian I loved it none-the-less. It had an amazing feel to it that made me think of home and loved ones and, yes, had me tearing up just a wee bit as I read Fain's intro and little notes throughout the book. She really captured family and friends so well and the wonderful way food can be used to create memories. The recipes were lovely, hearty and easy. The photos abundant and comfortable. Very much a cookbookish win and worth every penny of the price. The recipes/ingredients--Family comfort is what came to mind with the recipes and ingredients. There are 125 recipes from desserts and breakfast to sides and main courses. They were laid out nicely and easy to read, there was a family story of sorts to start each out which I loved. The ingredients were simple and easy to find. Other than fresh ingredients many of the items needed are staples in a lot of kitchens and I was able to pick out a recipe and make it without rushing to the store which I love. My only complaint was the use of kosher salt in recipes since I don't keep that on hand and measurements for regular salt are different. Not an issue in the cooking side of things but on the baking side that made it more difficult. The Photographs--I LOVED them. They're not trying to be fancy but have the home-ish feel to them. Nearly every other page has some sort of photograph and they're lovely with a nice welcoming feel to them. They gave me that oh I could SO do that thought. lol There are nice

landscapes from around Texas as well which was nice. What Made It Special--Fain had an incredible voice.

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