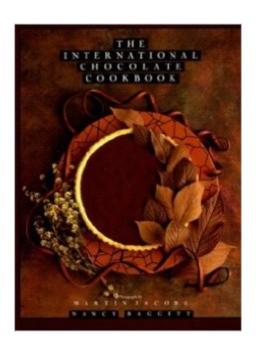
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Synopsis

This is a collection of 125 chocolate recipes from around the world. All of the recipes included in this volume have been selected and tested; recipes are highlighted with introductory background information, personal recollections and timesaving tips. The first chapter provides an armchair tour of Europe's chocolate manufacturers and delves into chocolate history and lore.

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Nothing is as wonderful as a cookbook full of chocolate recipes. Although there are a great many of

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them available, truly good ones are not that common. Unfortunately, this book cannot be numbered among the good ones. While it is a pretty decent collection of chocolate recipes, this cookbook has a few problems with it. This cookbook is not for the average person trying to do some baking in his or her kitchen on a Sunday afternoon. The majority of recipes require a fair amount of culinary skill to successfully execute. Some of the recipes are fairly easy and can be done by anyone. Unfortunately, the book does not warn the reader as to which ones are easy and which are more difficult. Some of the recipes, especially the ones involving chocolate sculpture, are very advanced and require some near-professional skills in order to successfully finish. Another problem is that of equipment. You will need a kitchen well stocked with a wide variety of baking tools and equipment. The book does not have a list of the things you will need. It seems to assume that you already have the proper equipment. Also note that you must have a large, professional food processor and a stand mixer in order to complete most of the recipes. On the other hand, there are several positive factors. All of the recipes have been thoroughly tested. The instructions are unusually complete and

correct, making for some recipes that are very long in length. The description of the various types of chocolate in the introductory chapter is one of the better and more reliable ones. It is also a great source of the elegant patisserie recipes that make dramatic statements; such recipes are not easy to find among standard chocolate cookbooks. In summary, this is a pretty good collection of chocolate recipes.

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