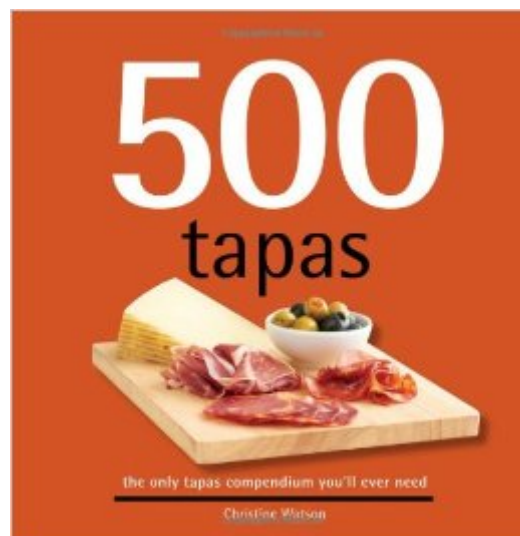


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# 500 Tapas: The Only Tapas Compendium You'll Ever Need (500 Series Cookbooks) (500 Cooking (Sellers))



## Synopsis

Bring the delectable Spanish tradition of tapas to your kitchen with 500 Tapas. Tapas are a staple of the classic Spanish bar experience, but today have gained worldwide popularity as a wonderful way to share a delicious meal. Tapas can be served as a starter, snack, side dish, or as a complete and exotic meal, and this collection of recipes offers tapas for all tastes and occasions.

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## Customer Reviews

This book has many great ideas, but the recipes to me seem to be small portions of posh, artsy food rather than what I had for tapas when I was in Andalusia, Spain. Don't get me wrong, there are some "traditional" recipes, and the others look really tasty and I'll make those dishes too. It's just that if you're looking for something which has a more traditional feel then you may be disappointed with this one. Maybe it was the region I'm familiar with vs the vast variety to be found in such a large, diverse country. I'm not an expert, this was just my impression. Also FYI, the 500 recipes are not exactly 500 unique recipes. There are the main versions and then a list of about 4-6 variation suggestions for each main recipe.

Having recently spent a month in Spain, and a full week in San Sebastian/Bilbao area (home of the famous Basque tapas called "pinxtos"), I bought this little cookbook to help me remember all the delights I'd eaten in the bars and cafes. From "jamon seca" (dry ham) to various cheeses, and especially the combinations of foods we might not put together readily, the recipes in this lovely little book are fabulous and easy to follow. Guests who came for a tapas party are still talking about the

array of tapas: "I've never seen or eaten anything like this...amazing and what a treat! So delicious! and fun!" The 500 recipes are actually about 100 recipes plus variations; however, even with those variations sans photos, the cook can have a great time preparing and the guests eating! or have a make-it-yourself tapas party. The photos are super, the book is a handy size for kitchen use, and it's well organized. Very much worth the money!

Beautiful photos for EVERY recipe...organized by food type, easy to follow instructions and bonus tips. There's even a section on tapas desserts...who knew? :0)

The "500" format isn't the right format for this subject, but the author does a good job. The photos and recipes will expand most readers' knowledge and culinary depth. Elevates "bar food" to a higher plane. Also fun to share with a spouse.

The pictures do wonders in making the recipes come together. I find that that when I see the finished dish good results are a lot easier. I did right by getting this book.

flavorful and inspirational, I can't stop using it. Each recipe and alternate composition makes it well worth the price paid. excellent addition to any kitchen.

excellent book. lots of recipes. something for everyone. easy and more difficult. good ideas too. friend had also and liked

I purchased this book as a gift for my daughter who lived in Spain for a year. I have not personally made any of the recipes, but they read well in my judgement as an experienced cook and she seemed pleased to receive it.

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