





bought to date. Every time I buy a new book, I like to test some of the recipes out for dinner that night. I made the sweet potato tomato bisque, the grilled cheese and the curried beef dumplings and they were outstanding!!! My family loved them. There are so many tips to help you get it right. Carla really nails it with these recipes. I hope you all take the chance to try it.

I received this book as a gift from a dear friend, who knows I enjoy collecting recipe books. As I put it to the test, my daughter asked me to make chicken-pot-pie, which is not only comfort food, but delicious. We will have that again-and-again as we love pot-pies! The mouth-watering pound cake not only smells fantastic, but I felt like an expert Chef just made it. I have at least 10 different recipes for pound cake from several cookbooks, my favorite is now from this book. Making home-made pound cake is important to me, because not only do I make it for my family, but also for friends as a holiday gift! Carla Hall is Amazing, funny, and I love her positive attitude and spirit. She tells it like it is as she does on TV, with style and family tradition. The recipes are easy, quick, and aim to please, whether it's for a family dinner or a social gathering. A very entertaining recipe book that I will cherish in my collection. I enjoy experimenting as much as the author, and there's always a favorite recipe from each book I own. However, I already have 2 favorites from this delightful cookbook. Insightful, fun-filled, and enjoyable. Highly Recommended!

Hall is a co-host of ABC's daytime show, The Chew, but I first saw her on Bravo TV's Top Chef. She reminded me of an exotic bird, tall, thin and with her down-home Southern way, I think many people (including her competitors) underestimated her. She was voted Fan Favorite from the Top Chef All-Stars competition in 2011. It was her big heart and the way she "hugged you with her food" that made people fall in love with her. She grew up in the South and learned how to cook from her beloved granny, and then she went to France to become a model. There she fell in love with a different kind of food, and returned home to train as a professional chef. She now owns Alchemy, a popular and successful catering company in Washington DC. Hall sprinkles the cookbook with stories from her life: the amazing meals her granny made and taught her and her sister to cook, the difficult boss she worked for in the Bahamas (I wonder if he will read this book and recognize himself), some amusing anecdotes from The Chew and my favorites, some behind-the-scenes of her most famous Top Chef moments. On the All-Stars edition, one task was to create a birthday lunch for Jimmy Fallon. Hall whooped with joy when she was drew Chicken Pot Pie as her meal; it is one of her specialties, and she shares one of her most famous recipes in this book. Hall also gives some great tips, like serving deviled eggs on a bed of dried washed black beans on a platter and if



cookbook for wedding presents as even the beginner can have great results. For the more advanced cook there are inspirations galore. Well worth the modest price.

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