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# Pitmaster: Recipes, Techniques, And Barbecue Wisdom



## Synopsis

Barbecue is more than a great way to cook a tasty dinner. For a true pitmaster, barbecue is a way of life. Pitmaster is the definitive guide to becoming a barbecue aficionado and top-shelf cook, whether you're new to the grill or a seasoned vet. Recipes begin with basics, like cooking Memphis-style ribs, and expand to smoking whole hogs North Carolina style. There is no single path to becoming a pitmaster. Barbecue lovers are equally inspired by restaurants with a commitment to regional traditions, competition barbecue champions, families with a multi-generational tradition of roasting whole hogs, and even amateur backyard fanatics. This definitive collection of barbecue expertise will leave you in no doubt why expert chefs and backyard cooks alike eat, live, and breathe barbecue. Pitmaster features:- Specific tips and techniques for proper smoker operationâthe cornerstone of all successful barbecue recipesâusing Weber, Offset, Kamado, and other classic smoker styles- A backyard cooking chapter offering the basics of becoming a successful barbecue cook- Spotlights on specific regional barbecue styles, such as Texas, Kansas City, and the Carolinas, which set the stage for more advanced barbecue techniques and recipes, such as Butterfly Pork Butt Burnt Ends and Central Texas Beef Ribs- An exploration of new styles of barbecue developing in the North- Chris and Andyâs secret competition barbecue recipes that have won them hundreds of awards- Regional side dishes, cocktails, and simple desserts - A guest pitmaster in each chapter who is an expert in their given region or style of barbecue cooking. Guest pitmasters include: Steve Raichlen (author and host of Project Smoke on PBS), Jake Jacobs, Sam Jones (Skylight Inn and Sam Jones Barbecue), Elizabeth Karmel (Carolina Cue To Go), Tuffy Stone (Q Barbecue), Rod Gray (eat bbq), John Lewis (Lewis Barbecue), Jamie Geer (owner of Jambo Pits) and Billy Durney (Hometown Bar-B-Que)

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## Customer Reviews

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Award-winning pit master Andy Husbands began developing his own unique style of cooking upon opening Boston's Tremont 647 in 1996 and later, Sister Sorel. His latest culinary venture, The Smoke Shop, culminates Husbands' continued success and pays homage to his extensive background in the competitive barbecue circuit. Husbands' honest, approachable fare has earned him praise from The Boston Globe, Boston Magazine, Wine Spectator, Star Chefs, and others. He has competed on the sixth season of FOX Television Network's fiery Hell's Kitchen and is internationally-recognized for his BBQ team IQUE BBQ, who became the first New England team to win the World Champions of BBQ title in 2009 at the Jack Daniels World Championship in Tennessee. He is a large contributor to Share Our Strength, an active board member of the Massachusetts Restaurant Association who acknowledged him as the 2014 Chef of the Year, and a Rodman Celebration Restaurant Chair. He has also co-authored several cookbooks including Wicked Good Burgers, Wicked Good BBQ, Grill to Perfection, and The Fearless Chef. Chris Hart, winner of the Jack Daniel Invitational World Championship in 2009, has dominated the competition BBQ circuit for the past 10 years with his team, IQUE. The team was the first group of Northerners in barbecue history to win a World Championship. Chris spends his days developing software, but his passion for cooking barbecue has him following the competition BBQ trail on weekends, pitting his talents against the best pitmasters in the U.S. Chris has cooked multiple barbecue tasting dinners at the James Beard House in NYC. He has appeared on the TV show BBQ Pitmasters, and is a Food Network Chopped Champion. He is coauthor of Wicked Good Barbecue, Wicked Good Burgers, and Grill to Perfection. In the world of barbecue, 17th Street Barbecue pitmaster Mike Mills is affectionately known as "The Legend." • Called "America's most-revered barbecue restaurateur," he's a four-time World Champion and three-time Grand World Champion at Memphis in May, otherwise known as the Super Bowl of Swine, as well as Grand Champion at The Jack. Mike is the most decorated pitmaster in America.

He has been inducted into the Barbecue Hall of Fame, named a Pioneer of Barbecue at the Jack Daniel's World Invitational, and awarded the National Barbecue Association Award of Excellence. He's the only pitmaster in the world with top-security clearance to board Air Force One and whose oral history was recorded for posterity at the Smithsonian Institute. Amy Mills was raised up on smoke, sauce, and Magic Dust®. Heiress to the 17th Street Barbecue empire, she's the industry's go-to girl for all things barbecue. Recipient of the coveted Barbecue Heroine prize, she leads 17th Street alongside her dad, Mike Mills. She also runs OnCue Consulting, the only barbecue business consultancy in the world, offering seminars and training in the culinary techniques behind great barbecue. She's a featured judge on various barbecue shows such as Best in Smoke, Kingsford Invitational, and Smoked, as well as co-star of the Mills family's own digital series, Peace, Love, and Barbecue, which debuted on YouTube in 2016. Peace, Love, and Barbecue, co-authored with her dad, is considered a classic in the genre, was nominated for a James Beard Foundation award, and awarded the National Barbecue Association Award of Excellence. Their next book, Praise the Lard, will be published in May 2017.

Andy Husbands and Chris Hart are pros. Top shelf pros, they know their barbecue, they could have just written another book with all their recipes and tips, like "Wicked Good Barbeque", "Wicked Good Burgers", and more, and it would have been a great book. This time around, Andy and Chris go a bit further and invite their peers to share in the book. As those cool kids say these days: "real recognize real". This is what Andy and Chris are doing here; allowing their peers to shine, as well as themselves. This book is a great journey through barbecue, barbecue land and barbecue people. Andy and Chris seem to want to blur those lines and have everyone share in and enjoy what is "real" barbecue culture. Of course, once again, the photography is bad ass; Ken Goodman is another pro, with that "eye" that makes everything look fantastic. Highly recommend this book.

There are so many delicious recipes in this cookbook - treat yourself or surprise your favorite backyard griller with this masterpiece. You will learn how to build the perfect fire, to create from scratch your own baby back ribs, and to whip up a batch of Andy's delicious cornbread. Andy and Chris are passionate about barbecue and their dedication to their craft is found throughout this book. The beautiful photos in the cookbook not only give praise to barbecue legends but also showcase some beautiful places in America. This cookbook contains a huge amount of recipes - pulled pork, bbq beef, sauces, rubs, sides, veggies, and desserts can all be found in Pitmaster. I am so looking forward to outside, weekend parties.

Excellent. Best barbecue book I've had, and I do have others. Full of useful and interesting information, and tasty recipes. The photography is a fine addition to the overall look of this book. Highly recommended.

I don't seem to buy cookbooks as often I used to with so much available on the internet, but this is indeed a great book. High quality photography and printing. Layout is well thought out. This is not a book of hundreds of recipes. Instead it is well curated and highly selective group of recipes based on style/area of country. Each "section" includes a variety of recipes that could be made as a meal, including deserts in some cases. There are some common recipes as well as fairly unique selections. This is not the only BBQ book you will ever need, but it should be the first!

Outstanding book!! The stories, the recipes, the photos. Andy, Chris and Ken have totally out done themselves on this book. I haven't been able to put it down. You need to add this book to your collection, Seriously!!!!!!

What a terrific book with plenty of new ideas for your backyard pit!!!!!!

average lots of recipe to make NOT on the BBQ \*\*\*\*\*would highly recommend "Project Smoke" 5 star, a must have\*\*\*\*\*

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