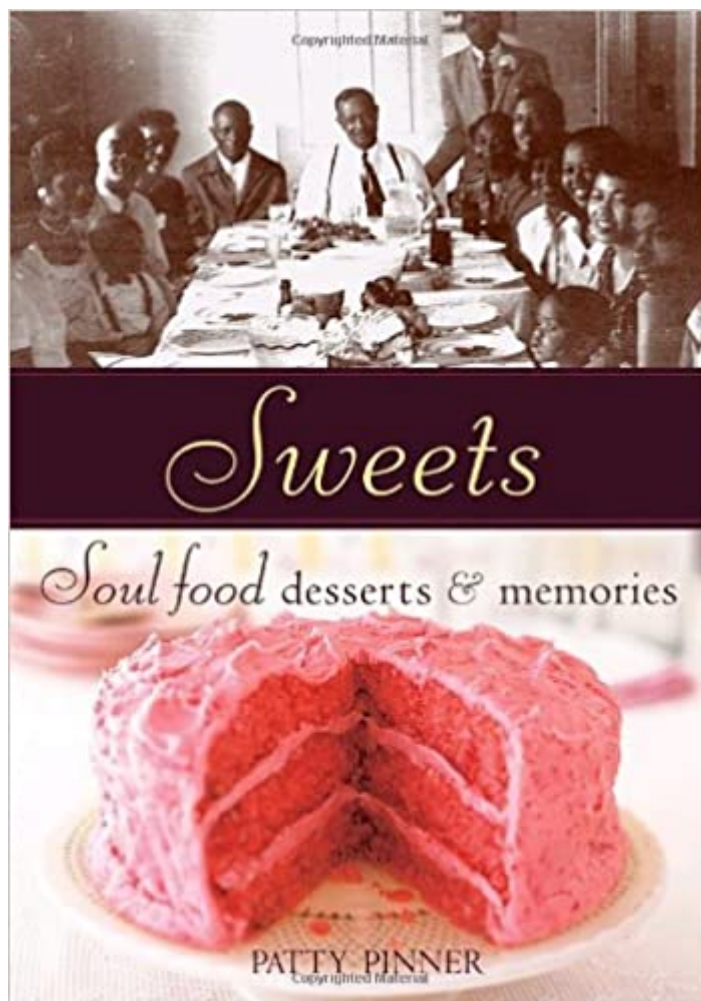




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Sweets: Soul Food Desserts And Memories



Synopsis

A beautifully photographed cookbook of sugary sweet soul food desserts, influenced by the women in author Patty Pinner's family. Growing up in a large African-American family in a small town in Michigan, Patty Pinner spent her childhood helping the women of the house-the Queens of Soul Food-whip up the sweet treats that crowned family dinners, neighborhood gatherings, and church socials. In SWEETS, Patty shares her family's stories, maxims, and magical desserts, many named after family members like Cud'n Daisy, Aint Sug, and My My, her beloved grandmother. Part recipe book, part family history, this sweet-as-can-be cookbook is a heartfelt tribute to women who ruled the home and the kitchen with their wisdom, hearts, and cooking.

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Customer Reviews

In this sweetly sentimental cookbook, Pinner shares "plain old down-home confections" and her childhood memories of the lively women who created them: Mama, "My My" (her grandmother), "Aints" Lula and Pinky, "Cud'n" Flossie and more. In addition to the standard pound cakes, fruit cobblers and cookies of most home-baking books, she relates some truly original recipes, like Cud'n Bertise's Mashed Potato Fudge and Cud'n Merle's Mississippi Bean Fudge, which "doesn't taste one bit like beans," she assures. The exhaustive section on pies includes Egg Pie, Old-Fashioned Sugar Pie, Cantaloupe Pie, Butter Bean Pie, White Potato Pie and others, proving that one can make a pie out of just about anything-or even a Little of Nothing (the name for a pie that calls for only milk, sugar, flour, vanilla, butter and cinnamon, whose recipe came from Miss Nellie, the only white woman among Pinner's pantheon of cooks). The recipes and story snippets are punctuated

with snapshots of family gatherings in small-town Michigan and Pinner's concoctions, making this a nice, nostalgic collection of desserts. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"The family recollections in Patty Pinner's SWEETS are as tasty and satisfying as the recipes." "An appealing collection of rich Southern desserts that are the pretext for a loving memoir of a large African-American family that moved from Mississippi to Michigan."

Patty Pinner, you brought back memories as the days gone by. You make the Big Mama's and the Auntie's so appreciated. I thank you for bringing back the recipes we had on Sunday mornings and dinner or should I say Supper(smile). This book has been an eye opener to get with the women of our family to share recipes once again and to cherish our Mother, Grand Mother and, Great Grand Mother's recipes to pass down to the next generation. I will call my mother who is 82 years old and lives in California to get her Butter Roll recipe since I moved to Texas I miss her cooking without a doubt! Thank you again for this Book.

I wish I would have done some more digging before buying this one. I like making all my cakes from scratch and several of these recipes called for box cake mixes and that is not what I look for in a cookbook. The pictures are no doubt beautiful but I am just not that impressed with this book as I have been of other purchases.

OMG Love, Love, Love this cookbook! My kids love the root beer cake! Thank you so much to the author for putting this book together so everyone to enjoy. The stories that go with every recipe are so heart warming. I especially like it because I'm from Michigan.

cool stories and recipes

My wife LOVES this book!!!! GREAT easy down home recipes. EVERYTHING in here reminds her of favorites made when she was little, but never thought she'd be able to make. She made the strawberry cake and frosting on the cover for our son's birthday, and it was a hit, AND tasted great!!!VERY happy with this book.

This is so much more than a collection of wonderful desserts. Mrs. Pinner includes lots of family

photos and stories; auntie's favorite treats for church sales, grandma's grand finale when company comes for dinner, sweets for when the budget is hurting and the family needs cheering. I'm white but these stories remind me so much of my own growing up days. Oh, and the desserts are not the kind to send you running to the grocery for ingredients you never heard of.

The mix of family history and recipes related to (non-fictional) characters is absolutely charming; it's amazing how it has all been kept through the decades. And the recipes are charming as delectable. But the strawberry layer cake, the one shown on the book cover, is terrific, absolutely killer. It alone would justify buying the whole book: it has stunned everybody everytime since the first time I made it; and it is very versatile as well, as I started from replicating the cake on the cover and went on to elaborate new presentations of my own including a fresh strawberries covered mother's day cake, to a birthday cake decorated with fresh strawberries and heart shaped white chocolates. Always delicious, no way, and very easy.

More like a family timeline and not a cook book zero pictures of desserts and just pictures of her family.

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