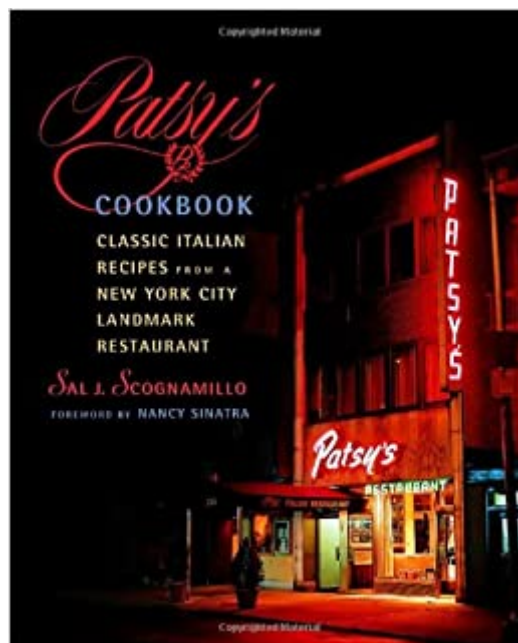




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# Patsy's Cookbook: Classic Italian Recipes From A New York City Landmark Restaurant



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

Patsy's, on New York's 56th Street, was founded in 1944 by the author's grandfather Pasquale (Patsy) and grandmother Concetta. Fans like Frank Sinatra, Al Pacino, Rosemary Clooney and, recently, Alec Baldwin, Jennifer Lopez, Sean "Puffy" Combs and Rudy Giuliani have frequented the restaurant because of Patsy's unpretentious Neapolitan roots. In one sidebar Aunt Anna recites her recipe for Frittata with Leftover Pasta; another relates a Quick and Easy Lobster Fra Diavolo (although the sauce, while you can buy it, remains a guarded secret). The introduction is devoted to Old Blue Eyes, with Frank's Clams Posillipo and Frank's Veal Cutlets Milanese, describing the time he and Sammy Davis Jr. competed tap dancing and singing. The book covers traditional courses, beginning with Asparagus Rolls and Mussels Arreganata and ends with Maddalena Raspberry Cookies and Tiramisu. The extensive vegetables chapter includes Vegetable Napoleon, Fried Zucchini Blossoms, Zucchini a Scapece, and White Bean and Scallion salad. Soups include the homey Pasta e Ceci, while pastas provide a basic palette of sauces along with variations such as Farfalla Papalina and Risotto Fruitti di Mare. Scognamillo (Patsy's grandson and current chef) shares recipes for Chicken Piccata, Steak Alla Patsy and Sal's Chilean Sea Bass with Eggplant and Olives (the "best sea bass in New York City" according to Tony Bennett). Directions are simple and well adapted to home cooking; the book will please both old and new fans alike. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

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tales, capturing the full experience of a New York City institution. Patsy's Cookbook is an invitation to join the extended family that's proud to call Patsy's their second home.

Live near this restaurant went in to eat, took the book and the Chef that wrote this came to my table to meet me, signed it, even gave me a bottle of their spaghetti sauce! Great evening, great book, awesome food and restaurant a famous institution here. Get to Patsy's in Manhattan you ever come to visit, it's on W. 56th Street and well worth it. It was Frank Sinatra's favorite restaurant in the city, they even took me upstairs and showed me where he used to "hold court".

OK.....I admit that I have never been to Patsy's yet, BUT that doesn't disqualify me from knowing this cookbook. It's the best; why, do you ask? Well, I'd be delighted to compose for you. I am Italian.....pure 100%, on both sides, and with enough background to talk about everything that means anything to our culture. I grew up in the 60's and 70's when Frank and Dean were THE only reason for watching TV. I know that it was a turbulent decade, full of discovery and change and restlessness. But some things felt OK and this book tells you about it. On Sundays, the whole extended family would gather at "Nonni's" house (grandparents). Because of the value and love of our food prepared in its purest form, it took about 14 calls between my mom, her sisters, and my Nonna, to figure out who was bringing what (and with 8 daughters, Illinois Bell made a huuuuuge profit from them). The food was simple and fresh and magic. This is "Patsy's Cookbook" whole purpose. The stories that accompany the book are a blast from the past. The pictures that accompany the stories and recipes are even better because if you close your eyes and think about it, you can picture yourself walking down the street, seeing the restaurant sign, and looking forward to opening the door and having all the scents and aromas hit you full force. All the "regulars" and the stars that have dined there get a good mention; the engagements that were proposed there; the celebrations that were created there. I'm looking forward to going to New York and Patsy's is on the top 10 list of restaurants to experience. Maybe it's just me, but I know it'll be a very welcoming and comfortable place. The book is broken down into 8 main sections of recipes, preceded by: Foreward by Nancy Sinatra Preface Introduction Section One--APPETIZERS: stuffed artichokes/asparagus rolls/Joe's eggplant sandwich/figs with prosciutto and mascarpone/roasted portobello mushrooms and asparagus/portobello tower/seasoned bread crumbs/mussels arreganata/roasted red bell peppers/peppers siciliano/palle di riso (rice balls)/shrimp with sauteed fennel over mesclun salad/tomato bruschetta/vegetable napolean Section Two--SALADS AND VEGGIES: basic vinaigrette/white bean and scallion salad/green bean, potato, and tomato salad/chopped

salad/fennel and endive with blood orange segments/mesclun salad with vinaigrette/ricotta salata  
 salad/asparagus parmigiano with basil/broccoli rabe affogato/eggplant parmigiana/cavolfiore  
 fritto/sauteed mushrooms with cognac and cabernet sauvignon (fantastic!)/baked mushrooms with  
 zucchini stuffing/sauteed spinach/fried zucchini blossoms (this was a summer staple as the  
 blossoms were blooming)/zucchini a scapece/Grandma Josie's zucchini pie

**Section Three--SOUPS:** pasta e ceci/escarole in brodo/pasta con lenticchie/minestrone/pasta e piselli/stracciatella/zucchini  
 and egg soup

**Section Four--PASTA, RISOTTO, AND SAUCES:** tomato sauce/fettucine  
 alfredo/fettucine tossed with fresh tomatoe and basil/bucatini all'amatriciana/penne  
 bolognese/linguine with artichoke hearts and olives/prosciutto and lemon sauce over  
 linguine/linguine napolitano/orecchiette with broccolini and sausage/penne with roasted  
 eggplant/rigatoni with chicken and mushrooms/farfalla papalina/rigatoni sorrentino/timballo di  
 maccheroni alla Paatsy's/spaghetti frutti di mare/Aunt Anna's Genovese sauce/pesto/risotto con  
 funghi (very deelish)/risotto frutti di mare

**Section Five--CHICKEN:** chicken cardinale/spicy lemon  
 chicken (great for a good meal at the last minute)/chicken parmigiana/chicken piccata/chicken with  
 mushrooms and red peppers/chicken portobello/scaloppine di pollo zingara/rollatini di petto di pollo  
 e spinaci/herb-roasted chicken/chicken livers with peppers/chicken veneziana

**Section Six--MEATS:** filet mignon barolo/manzo alla siciliano/steak alla Patsy's/roasted rack of lamb/hot sausages San  
 Gennaro/pork tenderloin with port/pork chops with vinegar peppers/pezzatino di vitello/braciolettini  
 di vitello/veal marsala (a very elegant dish to prepare)

**Section Seven--FISH AND SHELLFISH:** Sal's  
 Chilean sea bass with eggplant and olives/cassuola di calamari/fillet of sole arreganata/trota alla  
 giardino/roasted striped bass with orseradish crust/prosciutto-wrapped monkfish/salmon with herb  
 sauce/sauteed shrimp wiwth cognac and dijon mustard/calamari salad/shrimp Milanese/shrimp  
 scampi/swordfish steaks arreganata/marinated tuna steaks with cilantro sauce

**Section Eight--DESSERTS** (always the best section of any cookbook): Michele's cheesecake/warm  
 chocolate cake/chocolate mousse/tiramisu (yes!)/Maddalena raspberry cookies/lemon  
 granita/coffee granita with whipped cream/fresh figs poached with vanilla and brandy/Macedoine of  
 oranges with Sambuca/peaches in Asti Spumante/pears poached with pear liqueur/lemon ricotta  
 torte/zabaglione/walnut-filled crepes

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 (which you can purchase)

The book was written on the encouragement and accolades that friends  
 and customers gave to the Scognamillo family. Everything here is simple to find and buy, and all are  
 fairly easy to prepare depending on how fancy you wish to be. I have tried a little of everything and  
 my tastebuds have been most content. Bon appetito!!

Love this book !

I feel like this book taught me how to cook! I've even been fortunate enough to have supper at Patsy's and Sal Scognamillo could not have been a more gracious host! Best martini ever there!

Great stories about the relationship between Patsy and F. Sinatra and Great homemade Italian recipes. Buy it!!!!

This cookbook has easy-to-follow recipes for delicious Italian dishes, mixed with personal stories about the Chairman of the Board, Frank Sinatra. It's not only a cookbook, but a great book to read for any Sinatra fan.

Brought back wonderful memories! Ate there weekly during the seventies while living in NY. The epidemic of comfort food!

I loved the stories in the cookbook. However the recipes were a little harder to make than I expected. Still a good read.

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