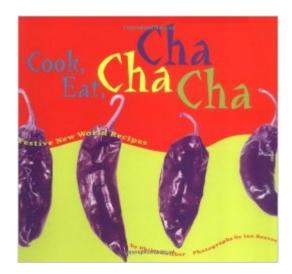
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Cook, Eat, Cha Cha Cha: Festive New World Recipes





Synopsis

New World cooking is hot, hot, hot -- and very cool. At San Francisco's famous Cha Cha Cha restaurant, located in the heart of Haight-Ashbury, the big flavors of Cuba and Puerto Rico come together and dance in vibrant dishes served against a backdrop of laughter, a loud Latin beat, and fabulous altars to the voodoo saint-gods of Santeria. As colorful as the restaurant itself, this unique, festive cookbook offers sixty terrific recipes for Cha Cha Cha's signature tapas and entrees (perfect for entertaining!), all accompanied by the stories, icons, and relics of Santeria, as well as full-color photographs of the dishes themselves. Savvy cooks are discovering that the spices and ingredients of the Caribbean are as fun to cook with as they are to eat. Cook! Eat! Cha cha cha!

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I used to love going to Cha Cha Cha Restaurant, until some friends and I got thrown out of the bar for complaining about the service/policies of the establishment. By principal, I will never patron the restaurant ever again. Now the recipes in this book are a huge disappointment for anyone who tries actually making the recipes, which is why I believe that most of the good reviews written for this book, are by reviewers who've eaten at the restaurant and love keeping their cookbook copy on the coffee table, rather than the kitchen. My advice- leave it on the coffee table, by all means. This is a vanity cookbook, and is only good for the pictures. It's with great pleasure then, that I share with reviewers - the real recipe for Cajun Skillet Shrimp. How dare they force people who spent their hard earned cash on a cookbook, to go through all of the trouble of preparing these imposter recipes. So here is the recipe. What you will need...Ready? About 1/2 cup of heavy whipping cream, Some Deggi powder and shrimp, and some good baquette bread for dipping. For the Deggi chilipowder (Deggi Mirch chilipowder by MDH is good brand), usually sold in a small 3.5 oz box at any good Indian grocer. This is what gives that spicy flavour and beautiful orange color to the dish. Also you will need about a dozen or more medium shrimp (or sized to your liking) partially peeled and deveined with shell left on tail for ease of grabbing. Using a large wok, add about a tablespoon of vegetable oil; just enough to coat the inside of the wok. Turn on wok to high heat. Once wok is hot and smoking slightly, tilt wok to coat pan one more and pour off any standing (or residual) oil. Alternatively, you can use a well-seasoned castiron pan, without any oil, will work just fine.

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