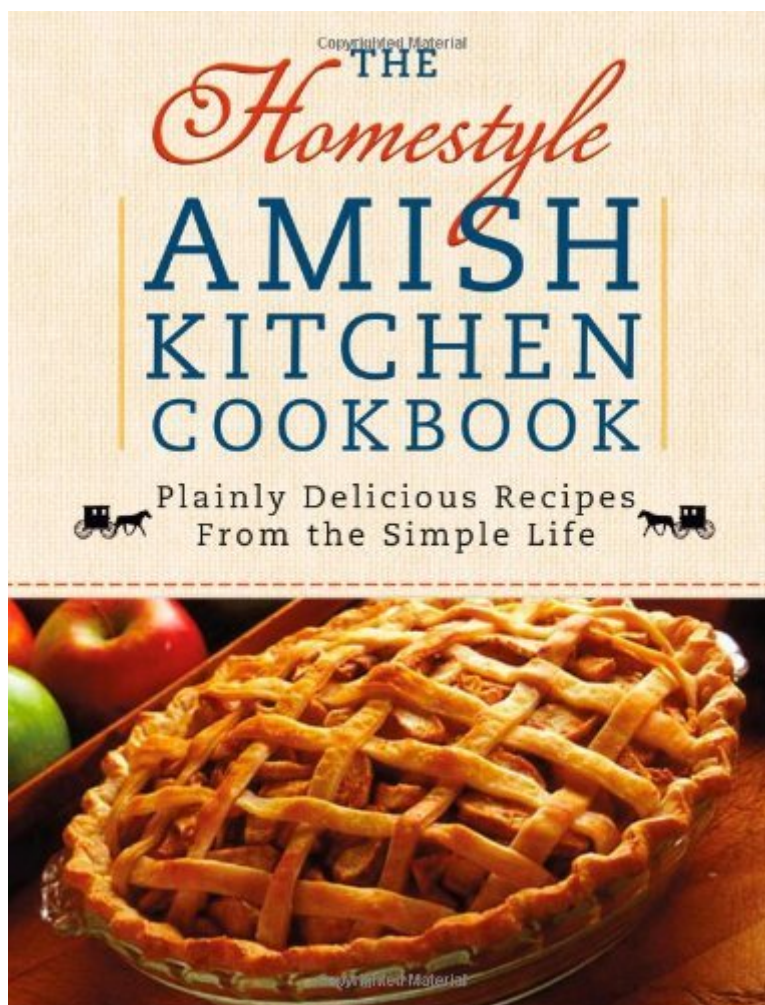


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# The Homestyle Amish Kitchen Cookbook: Plainly Delicious Recipes From The Simple Life



## Synopsis

Just about everyone is fascinated by the Amish—their simple, family-centered lifestyle, colorful quilts, and hearty, homemade meals. Straight from the heart of Amish country, this celebration of hearth and home will delight readers with the pleasures of the family table as they take a peek at the Amish way of life—a life filled with the self-reliance and peace of mind that many of us long for. Readers will appreciate the scores of tasty, easy-to-prepare recipes such as Scrapple, Graham • Nuts • Cereal, Potato Rivvel Soup, Amish Dressing, and Snitz Pie. At the same time they’ll learn a bit about the Amish, savor interesting tidbits from the • Amish Kitchen Wisdom • sections, find out just how much food it takes to feed the large number of folks attending preaching services, barn raisings, weddings, and work frolics, and much more. The Homestyle Amish Kitchen Cookbook is filled with good, old-fashioned family meal ideas to help bring the simple life home!

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## Customer Reviews

In the last three years I have bought just one cookbook because most are not all that great. (I have a very large collection.) This one I borrowed from the library, but I am buying it. I like to cook with

simple ingredients and from scratch so the book works for me. At times, it felt the writer was more Mennonite than Amish but that's fine with me since there are so many similarities. A reviewer gave the book a 3 because of the use of hamburger meat, at least that's what I understood. The Amish and Mennonite families I know actually grind their own meat so I don't understand why that's a problem. If you are looking for gourmet cooking this not the book for you but if you just want good food this book is perfect.

The Amish community is noted for the simplicity of their family-centered and devout lifestyle. That elegant simplicity clearly extends to their cuisine as evidenced by the recipes assembled in "The Homestyle Amish Kitchen Cookbook: Plainly Delicious Recipes from the Simple Life", a spiral bound 272-page compendium of thoroughly 'kitchen cook friendly' recipes ranging from Buttermilk Biscuits with Sausage Gravy; Honey Oatmeal Bread; Mennonite Stew; and Baked Acorn Squash with Hamburger Filling; to Busy Day Ham Casserole; German Meatballs with Sauerkraut; Amish Vanilla Pie; and Crackletop Molasses Cookies. Each recipe is clearly put forth with a complete list of ingredients and step-by-step instructions allowing even the most novice of kitchen cooks to successfully prepare and serve these dishes which are as nutritious as they are delicious -- and suitable for any and all dining occasions. "The Homestyle Amish Kitchen Cookbook: Plainly Delicious Recipes from the Simple Life" is a very highly recommended addition to personal, family, and community library cookbook collections.

I am absolutely delighted to have received this beautiful Amish cookbook! Immediately after opening it, I found it to have, not only delicious recipes, but also inspirational prayers, scriptures, and tips on both cooking and gardening. It also gives insight into the simple Amish way of life. Coming from a background of homemaking and cooking for a large family, I at once identified with the spirit of home and family that The Amish Kitchen Cookbook encompasses. It is beautiful not only in format, but in Amish wisdom as well. It surpassed my expectations and will have a special place in my cookbook collection. Definitely 5 stars \*\*\*\*\*for this one!

By page 19 I had already run into: Shortening, Velveeta, vegetable oil, frozen hashbrowns, and Tater Tots. Not what I think of as "Amish" nor even "traditional" food or ingredients; no aspersions against the author's spiritual path if she is really Amish, of course. And sad experience in Amish geographical areas tells me that the Amish might indeed have been seduced into these disease promoting products from the "English" Universe. Can I re-engineer these recipes to use really

traditional, unprocessed, health-promoting ingredients? Of course. But I really don't feel that I should have to given that this is billed as "Amish" thereby implying that these recipes are traditional and made of real food. Two stars instead of one because some of the recipes are quite old and also pretty Deutsch and are therefore worth some interest, even if they might have to be re-engineered a bit.

The recipes and selection in the book are fabulous. I've made a couple of recipes (including the delicious strawberry pie!) and have no complaints about that. However, the Kindle edition has some formatting issues. Some of the numbers are inexplicably missing, and obviously in a recipe, the numbers are important! It's not a huge problem, most of the numbers are there, but there are a few recipes I won't be able to make because of it. So beware if you're buying for Kindle.

I just ordered 5 cookbooks from , and this was one of them. I got it mainly hoping for old family type dessert recipes. It does have a few. My gripe is that this book does not seem Amish. There are a lot of hamburger recipes. Canned pie fillings, etc. It struck me as a cookbook someone who isn't Amish threw together. What I was hoping for was old fashioned homestyle recipes. There are some good recipes, but overall I'm just not that impressed with it. Maybe it will grow on me.

My expectations were ones of "old fashioned" recipes, and some unique recipes. I guess because at one time I lived in an area where the Amish lived so I was exposed to their cooking and life style. This cookbook is not much different from many others. When I started seeing recipes using ingredients like Velveeta processed cheese I came to the conclusion it was not anything special. I like how it is organized and it is easy to read.

There are a few recipes in here that call for non simple foods such as strawberry jello or orange bing drink. Overall though most ingredients are simple ingredients you would find in a regular bakers kitchen. Recipes are descriptive; some Amish or mennonite recipe books are written in a way only they can understand but this is written in a way a layman can understand. Has a miscellaneous section to make your own bisquick mix and onion soup mix and recipe for Amish friendship bread! I'm definitely narrowing down my recipe books to this

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