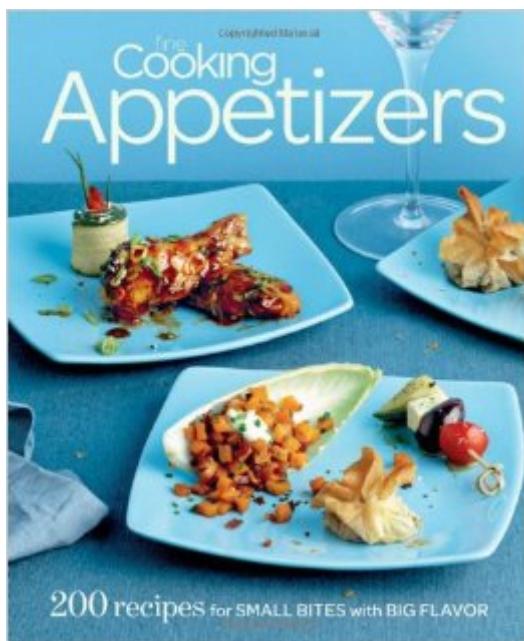


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Fine Cooking Appetizers: 200 Recipes For Small Bites With Big Flavor



Synopsis

In these collections the editors of Fine Cooking have gathered a tempting " and satisfying " range of recipes on favorite topics. Each listing below tells you which recipes are included in each downloadable collection. As always, clear instructions, full-color photos, plus tips and techniques help you get delicious results.

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Fine Cooking Appetizers / 978-1-600-85330-2I don't entertain much, so I'm not one for cooking lots of appetizers for parties, but I do like "bite size" recipes for storing and packing into family lunches and the like. If you're looking for an appetizer cookbook, this one definitely has a lot to offer: the recipes are intuitively organized, easy to understand, and well-formatted, and most of the recipes on offer show a corresponding finished picture. The ingredients lists are well-organized, and in multi-step recipes it's always clear which ingredients are used for each step of the process. Of the 200 recipes on offer, a lot of them are multi-ingredient dishes that are sure to impress. I suppose this is a good thing if you are looking for new things to try and don't want more of the same old obvious stuff, but I can imagine that some of these dishes might be complicated enough to put off a lot of home chefs, and may be exotic-tasting enough to put off some of the guests. There's a strong overlap of traditional comfort food, though, such as the creamy fudge (with multiple flavor variations) and the triple-shot eggnog. The pictures themselves all look absolutely delicious, and combined with the stellar formatting, this cookbook is a joy to browse through. As an appetizer cookbook, this one

really stands out for variety - among the expected savory and tart fare, there are a lot of sweet flavors as well. I think a regular entertainer would get a great deal of use out of this book. For my purposes (lunch packings and varied dinner sides), the book is slightly less useful, but I was still able to find a lot of valuable recipes here, and I do recommend this highly to others. NOTE: This review is based on a free Advance Review Copy of this book provided through NetGalley. ~ Ana Mardoll

Fine Cooking Appetizers offers an array of small bites with balanced flavor. I have tried several recipes. The crabmeat- avocado quesadillas, sun- dried tomato tart with fontina and prosciutto, and the blueberry streusel bars with lemon cream filling represent a sampling of the dozen recipes I have tried. Each has directions that are easy to follow, has a great flavor profile, has a list of ingredients that I can usually find, and presents beautifully. This book contains features beyond the recipes. It offers pictorial hints on some basic skills such as how to mince herbs and make California rolls. It contains descriptions of some of the ingredients such as halloumi, tahini, and tomatillos. My favorite feature is the "make ahead" box. Patton said " A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow". That is very true if the guests are arriving at seven. If you are expecting the definitive tome on appetizers this is not it. If you want the biographical anecdotes, this is not it. If you want recipes for some flavorful tidbits to put a smile on your guests face, this is the book

This is a book that will give you some pretty impressive appetizers. It has pictures for most and for each, the carbs, fats and fiber are listed. These are not the run of the mill appetizers, but they will be popular at any gathering and will amaze your family and friends. You might even want to fix some of these as snacks for your relatives for a special treat. Included are: quick and simple, passed and plated, spread and scooped, sliced and served, stuffed and skewered and sips and sweets. Some of the recipes are easy, some take more time like Smoked salmon and pea fritters with scallion sour cream, but is a big hit. The Meatballs in spicy peanut curry sauce is another favorite. This book would give you recipes that would be a treat for both family and guests.

I've subscribed to 'Fine Cooking' for years, and love the magazine. They regularly put together compilations focussing on a specific topic with recipes from the magazine, so I probably have these already, but this collection is beautifully put together. It also means I don't have to scour years of magazines to cobble together appetizers for a dinner party. The chapters (Quick & Simple, Passed & Plated, Spread & Scooped, Sliced & Served, Stuffed & Skewered, and Sips & Sweets) get you

quickly to exactly what you want, there are tons of pictures (though not of every recipe), and the instructions are clear. There's something for everyone from beginner to experienced cook.

I have made over 10 things for this book and the all tasted great. I cater a community theater's opening night reception for the audience, cast & crew (about 50-60 people) and I need a wide range of savory and sweet food items. This cookbook has become my go-to cookbook among the 15 appetizer cookbooks I own. I bought mine used but this price is a great deal for very useful cookbook

I am going to participate in a Tapa and Wine party next month and wanted to create interesting appetizers. This book is full of great ideas that do not require a gourmet chef to prepare. I live in a complex with senior citizens on low incomes, and this can add a little bit of the gala life to our affairs. Thank you for the pleasure this brings to some great elderly friends who like to feel a part of the modern ways.

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