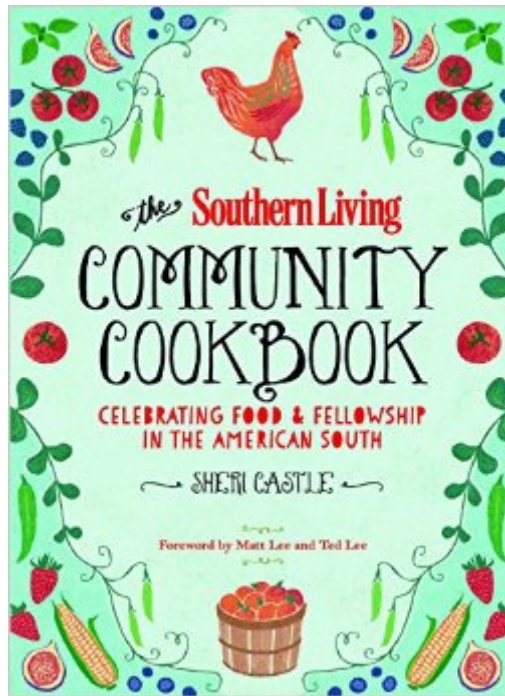


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# The Southern Living Community Cookbook: Celebrating Food And Fellowship In The American South



## Synopsis

Southern food and food stories are bound together. This book will reflect people, regardless of where they come from, who claim Southern food as their own, whether for a lifetime or a mealtime. People feel deep affection for their local community cookbooks, especially those well-worn volumes that serve as a timestamp of a particular place and time. No other type of recipe collection is more generous, gracious, and welcoming. Before we give you a bite, we Southern cooks have to tell you about what we've made. Southern food is evocative, so our food and food stories are bound together in our communities. A memorable Southern cookbook holds good food and a good read, the equivalent of a brimming recipe box plus the scribbled notes and whispered secrets that cover the tips, advice, and stories that a generous cook shares with family members, friends, and neighbors. These recipes bring all sorts of cooks, recipes, and stories to a common table to bring readers a cookbook filled with good things to eat that have something to say.

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## Customer Reviews

I collect cookbooks -- lots and lots of cookbooks. My favorite genre is the modest, spiral-bound collections by local churches and community organizations. They provide not only some wonderful "real" recipes, but reveal such a friendly window into the local traditions and communities themselves. Thus, I was excited to get my hands on this Community Cookbook by Southern Living which is meant to cull some of the best recipes and features from those little local gems. Scattered throughout this book are a number of side-bar "chats" concerning interesting related topics and hints, and a good array of "real" Southern recipes from real Southern cooks. Five stars for that. An effort was made to recreate the neighborly quality of the originals. The graphics and page lay-outs

are cute and unpretentious, but in my opinion there's too much emphasis on the graphic design and not nearly enough on the readability of the text itself. Someone was really wedded to the "optics" of the book -- and it succeeds in offering an artistic vintage "feel". But a cookbook is of little practical use if one cannot easily read the recipes. That seems a fairly obvious concept, but in this case, I believe it was often overlooked in favor of artsy typescript and spidery fonts. A multiplicity of different font types is used throughout the book (some which are meant to look like script, suggesting a hand-written recipe -- cute, but not clear). Also, the pages are printed in different pastel colors -- very pretty -- but some of these background colors make the type even harder to discern. In strong natural light, there isn't a big problem with the type, but in a real dinner-time scenario with the book sitting on the counter and artificial light and shadows from cabinets factored in, it's frustratingly hard to read.

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