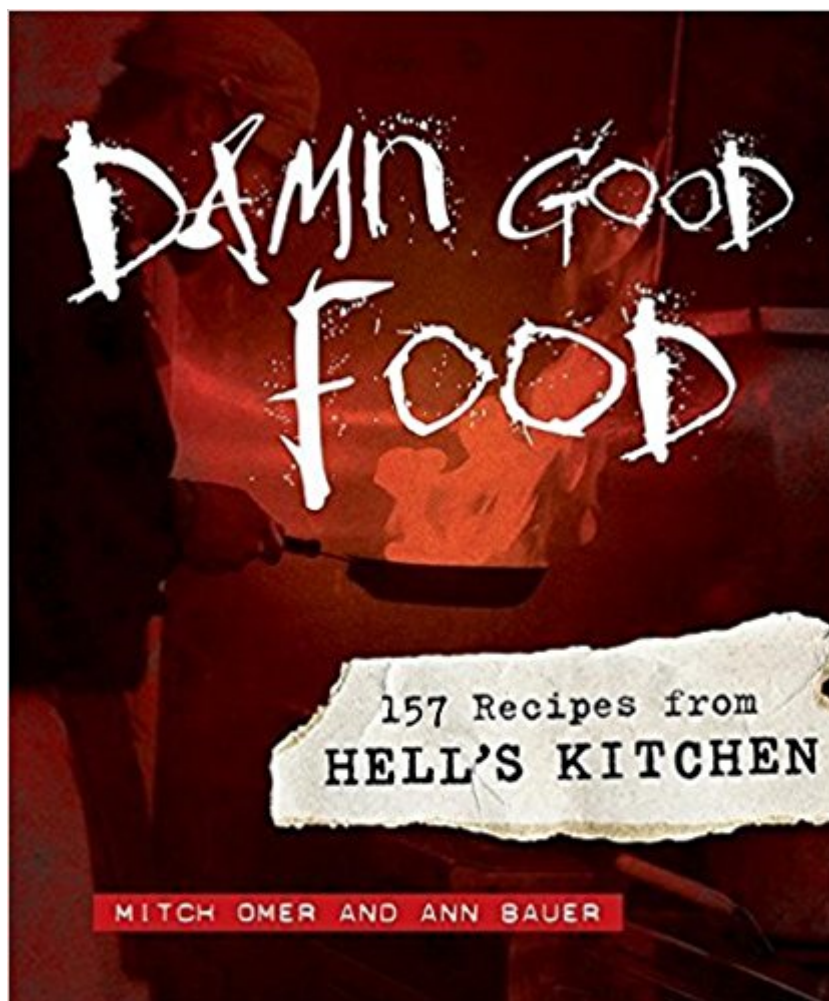


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Damn Good Food: 157 Recipes From Hell's Kitchen



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From Sausage Breakfast Bread to Fried Oatmeal his recipes are not only innovating, but delicious!! It is told in autobiography form and it works as both a book and a cookbook!!

I have made a few recipes out of this book so far and very happy. The maple bison sausage and sausage bread is phenomenal. This is more than just a cook book, it's Mitch's life story and a pretty good read. I highly recommend this to anyone who wants to think outside the box and try new things. Go for it!

This item was purchased as a gift for a home cook and they loved it. They have made several meals listed within and the quality and taste was outstanding.

Huge plus to get the key recipes from this excellent restaurant. Chef Mitch does assume you know how to cook, so not much hand-holding in the instructions. So far all the recipes I have tried have turned out well. The coleslaw is the best, ever. Who gets excited about coleslaw? Make this and you will. Mitch Omer's story is interesting to read and he spares himself absolutely nothing.

I judge all breakfasts everywhere on Hell's Kitchen and nothing comes close. The recipe for the lemon ricotta pancakes is worth the price of the entire book - but there is so much more. Unique culinary delights are the fare here and it's just plain fun. Beautifully illustrated, easy-to-follow directions, most easy enough for even the most novice cook, I totally recommend Damn Good Food.

This is a great book especially if you've ever visited this restaurant in Minneapolis

get it, if you want you can swap ingredients to match sensitivities or balanced body needs. The wild rice porage and benedicts are to amazing and beyond expectation. The extra tips are useful and unique. The MN history is cool too

It was a gift.

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