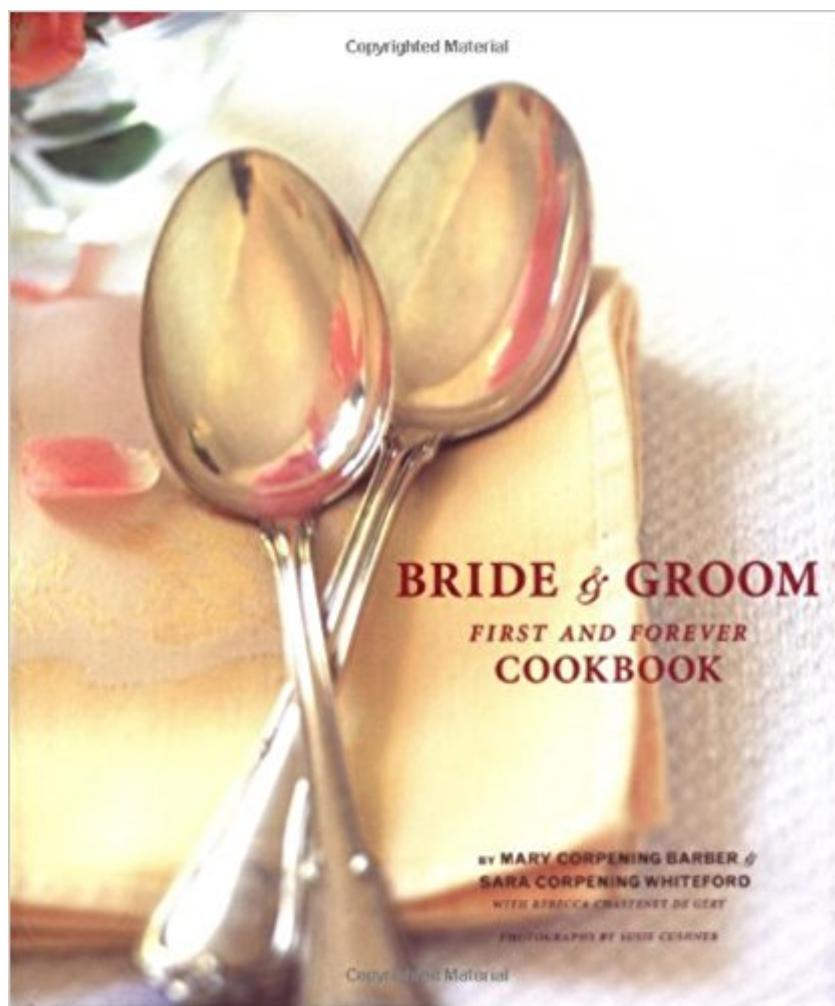


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Bride & Groom: First And Forever Cookbook



Synopsis

Here is the perfect gift for the happy couple--the first and only cookbook they will ever need. Best-selling authors Sara Corpening Whiteford and Mary Corpening Barber start the bride and groom off right with essential information on the equipment they'll need to begin cooking in their new home, as well as invaluable tips on getting the pantry stocked. Then they offer 125 recipes--those special dishes to turn to again and again. Ready to entertain the new in-laws? A weekend brunch featuring Sausage and Cheddar Cheese Strata comes together in a snap and is certain to impress. If something a little more romantic is in order, Brie and Champagne Fondue for Two shared in front of a roaring fire is as cozy as it gets. Everyday favorites like Classic Lasagna, Grilled Chicken with Roasted Red Pepper Salsa, and the impossible-to-resist Silken Chocolate Tart will have even inexperienced cooks looking like pros in the kitchen. Whether cooking on the fly with Dinners in a Dash--a meal on the table in 30 minutes or less: perfect for the working couple!--or hosting that first-ever holiday dinner, this is the cookbook newlyweds need to chop, peel, saut, and roast in harmony in the kitchen. Complete with beautiful photographs and menu ideas for special occasions (including the first anniversary), the *Bride & Groom First and Forever Cookbook* will have the happy couple--and their family and friends--eating well from this day forward.

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Customer Reviews

Just in time for the June wedding season, Barber and Whiteford have collected 125 elegant recipes especially for newlyweds. These twin sisters, authors of *Cocktail Food and Wraps*, have good ideas for everyday meals and, as former owners of Thymes Two catering in San Francisco, they also

have infectious enthusiasm for entertaining. Their book starts with chapters on assembling kitchen equipment and pantry staples, and moves on through "basic" recipes (such as stock and pie pastry) to appetizers, soups and salads, entrees, side dishes, sweets and drinks. Additional sections cover breakfast and brunch, quick dinners and desserts, holiday menu planning (with useful do-ahead timetables) and spouse-friendly selections for cooking "side by side." Their recipes can be complicated, however, posing difficulties for harried, first-time cooks. From Warm Artichoke and Green Onion Dip, Caesar Salad with Lemon-Pepper Shrimp, and Beef Burgundy, to Grilled Tuna with Soy Ginger Glaze and Pickled Cucumbers, Wild Mushroom Risotto, and Silken Chocolate Tart, the dishes blend classic with contemporary, formal with informal and cozy American with stylish International. The authors imbue their book with a friendly, Southern tone, which at times can feel old-fashioned. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Mary Corpening Barber and Sara Corpening Whiteford are identical twin sisters and the acclaimed owners of Thymes Two Catering in San Francisco. Susie Cushner is a Boston-based photographer whose work can be found in *Viva la Vida* (0-8118-3184-1), as well as *Gourmet* and *Saveur* magazines.

This cookbook has great recipes that are easy enough for beginners and sophisticated enough for foodies. I received this as a gift at my bridal shower and bought a copy for a friend's bridal shower 8 years later. The book is pretty timeless in that the photos and font are simple and classic and it offers both healthy and indulgent recipes. I like that the book isn't geared at one gender being the cook (although I suppose it is heteronormative). For a bride and groom to be or recently wed couple, it's a charming gift that is unintimidating and inspiring. The ingredients are normal pantry items, but the recipes are packed with flavor. This would make a great heirloom type gift to make handwritten notes in and hand down generation to generation.

This is the most-used cookbook in my (extensive) collection. While other cookbooks have better photography, writing, and more inventive recipes, I've turned to this one time and time again for certain recipes (the Very Vanilla Cheesecake, Texas Chili, and Orzo Salad, for instance). I am a mid-level celebrity at our church for some of these recipes. I also give this cookbook as a wedding gift to almost every younger bride I know, since the recipes are easy to follow, nothing too crazy, and dependably delicious.

This was a gift for a friend and her new husband. They both seemed pleased and impressed with it, and when I had looked through it myself, it seemed like a very comprehensive and helpful starter for married culinary life, what with information on stocking your pantry, equipment, all the recipes you probably need and then some, sufficient recipe detail, and a warm tone. :)

I love the beautiful photos! There are servings indicators but no nutritional data. I have given this book several times as a wedding gift and have bought it for us as well. After all, we just had our 1st wedding anniversary! I have been cooking for many years and I love cookbooks! Yes, I have quite a collection from over 35 years but this book is one of the super-stars! It is a thoughtful gift for a special bride and groom! I love the Roasted Butternut Squash Soup with Creme Heart Swirls. So easy! So cute!...and then there's the Spicy Chipotle Black Beans! I love the smokey Chipotle peppers!! One useful note though - Instead of using a partial portion of a can of chipotle peppers in adobe sauce (and ending up throwing the rest of the can away), I have discovered chipotle pepper powder or even the milder smoked paprika (Paprika Ahumada) in the regular spice aisle of my local grocery store. They give me more control of the smokey heat and I waste nothing! The recipes are great! The book is a great gift!

My husband and I received this cookbook for our wedding and it is one of my favorites. I now give it to friends/family for a wedding present as well. I write a personal note in the cover and then earmark some of our favorite recipes. The recipes are easy to follow, have great pictures and all taste great. I love the holiday menus in the back which contain meal planning directions (i.e. what to buy/do days before the meal) and recipes all contained in the book. I also really like the special meals for the bride & groom to cook together - a great way to get your spouse involved in the kitchen and prepare a meal together! Also, it is a beautiful book - I leave it propped up in our kitchen all the time.

I have purchased and given this wonderful book to many, many newlyweds and they have all been extremely happy with it. It gives them a primer with great recipes for all occasions. What could be better!! Before Choosing this particular book, I looked through several and this one definitely has it all together in one place for the novice, what utensils/cutlery/pots/etc to buy and in a practical, don't have to break the bank manner. I even send this to Vegetarian brides, as they will need to know how to cook for family members who are meat eaters. All in all, you can't go wrong with this book and the receiver will be pleased at your thoughtfulness. I have given it as an engagement gift, bridal shower and wedding.

I've bought this cookbook for both myself and for a wedding shower present for a friend. LOVE IT! The recipes are great and easy to follow. They include recipes when cooking for two as well as entire meals for holidays when family is visiting. It really makes planning easy especially if you're hosting a holiday meal for the first time. Highly recommend. (FYI - their drop biscuit recipe is the easiest and most delicious I've ever encountered).

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