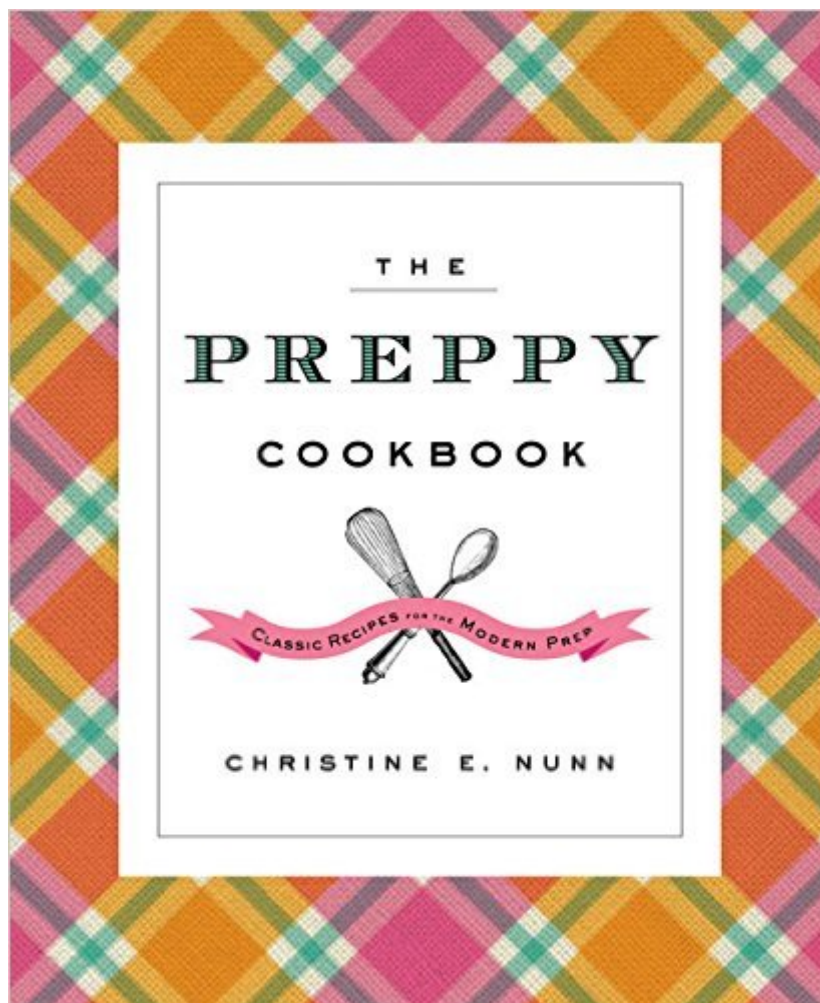


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# The Preppy Cookbook: Classic Recipes For The Modern Prep



## Synopsis

Are you planning the menu for your local junior league's next luncheon? Wondering what cocktail to sip on while spectating at Wimbledon? Searching for the perfect casserole that tastes just the way Mummy used to make it? With answers to all these questions and more, *The Preppy Cookbook* will guide you, step by step, in creating a kitchen, and a world, that exemplifies the preppy lifestyle. This beautifully illustrated cookbook from Christine E. Nunn, the owner of Picnic, offers more than 125 perfectly tested recipes. Readers will not only delight their taste buds with mouthwatering photographs of summer Lobster Rolls and The Perfect Pot Roast, but they'll also discover *The Preppy Cookbook* is a cheeky, cover-to-cover read that is as witty as it is delicious. With droll but wise inflection, Nunn shares time-honored traditions and cites proper blue-blood etiquette. For example, always pick up asparagus with your fingers; never use a fork unless it is smothered in Easy and Perfect Hollandaise sauce. Brunch begins at 12:15 pm sharp. And gentlemen, when cocktailing, remember to bring a church key. Whether it's planning a wedding shower, serving hors d'oeuvres at the annual tree-trimming party, firing up a lobster bake in Maine, or finding the cure for a Sunday morning hangover, *The Preppy Cookbook* will provide you with an arsenal of great recipes for all occasions.

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## Customer Reviews

The subject of this book (besides recipes) is the preppy lifestyle. Much is done tongue in cheek, but also there is a great deal of truth here. What happened to gracious living? Some of it is in these

pages - when a lifestyle meant the 'proper' way to do things. This is a nice cookbook. For some it will be like coming home to how their mothers entertained, or at least how they wish they did. The recipes include; comfort food and casseroles, summer food and drinks, food for sports, food from around the world, brunch, the cocktail party, luncheon and showers, the holidays. There are inserts and asides such as condensed soup as a mother sauce, the perfect summer sandwich and some menus: the perfect picnic, a preppy shower. What to stock in your preppy bar and pantry is also included. There are even very neat instructions for making dollhouse furniture out of champagne cork cages - Veuve Clicquot of course. Some of the recipes are old standards and others a bit different. The philosophy is no low fat. Our family has really enjoyed ; student's ragout, smoked salmon and Boursin quiche, pigs in a poke, and after several years of being stationed in England-grilled cheddar and Branston pickle sandwiches were like coming home - they sure put a smile on my daughters faces remembering their English school years. This is almost retro cooking but fits very well in with today.

I was so excited to receive this book! As a hard core prep I couldn't wait to curl up with it on my window seat overlooking the beach. Ok, so I don't have one, but reading the book made me feel like I do! The stories and the photographs elicit a feeling of a world where people care about manners and etiquette. Family and friends get together, and don't focus on impressing each other, rather on enjoying each others' company. I made the pork roast, and no one could believe I am actually someone who doesn't like to cook. It was delicious! I am more of a baker. I loved the nut rolls. I have never made anything like them before. Whether you are a foodie, a prep, or a sophisticate who appreciates a good chuckle, you will love this book. Not just a cookbook, a great read!!

**The Preppy Cookbook: Classic Recipes for the Modern Prep**

From her mother's Christmas cookies, to lobster rolls, to why gentleman use a turn key I enjoyed reading this cookbook and using it. My girlfriends and I get together once a month at someone else's house for cocktails and dinner. We all try to outdo each other and more often than not, over imbibe and have brunch together the following morning. Thanks to the preppy cookbook we can do it all without having to slum. The cookbook is written with witty sass from a preppy to those who might be preps and to those who want to be and those who aren't. I'm not a prep, just like to cook and have a lot of preppy people in her circle. My mother appreciated one of the meals that I copied from this book, from cocktails to dessert. She felt I was finally becoming a lady. I assured her I was no such thing.

Liked the recipes, but already had a lot of them. Perhaps that's not a fair criticism because the book does not pretend to be new and original - quite the opposite - so maybe I should not have been surprised. Didn't think the "narrative" was particularly engaging compared to the original Preppy Handbook, back in the day.

I was sort of expecting something like the old Preppie Handbook of the late 70's: a bit of a joke. This does have some recipes that are certainly prep staples and deserve to be revisited in their original, perfect form (Chex mix, pigs in a poke, lobster rolls.) There are also some newer items that look quite delicious and well as some very handy cocktail recipes. In short, it's a real and really useful cookbook that's being marketed as being more of a joke than it really is. Great, now I want a lobster roll and an ice- cold Becks..

This is a fun acquisition for those who are a fan of the preppy culture or who like classic American food with a hint of refinement. To me the recipes also had a slightly New England bent to them, though not overtly a New England cookbook. (Which isn't surprising because at least for me, I associate preppy culture with places like Martha's Vineyard.) Expect recipes like pot roast, scones, Chex Mix, Deviled Eggs, and classic shrimp cocktail and commentary that links these recipes to the preppy subculture. Overall I found this book to be pretty good. The directions are well written, cleanly laid out, and easy to follow. And content wise, it does feel like the book as exhaustively covered the preppy classics. There wasn't a single recipe I expected to be in the book that wasn't, which is a good thing. That said, I think the challenge with preppy recipes is that they are so classic that they are common. This isn't inherently a bad thing, but if you are someone who owns a lot of cookbooks you are likely going to see duplication with other books you have. Personally, I found a lot of overlap with cookbooks by Gourmet, Martha Stewart, and Ina Garten. In this case I feel like you would be buying the book more for the commentary and novelty factor than finding a recipe you don't have elsewhere. I also wasn't a huge fan of the photography in the book. I'm a very visual person so pictures tend to draw me in, especially to recipes I might not otherwise make. A lot of the photos just didn't have the appetite appeal of other cookbooks I own or felt a bit dated. Maybe the latter was what the author was intending since the cookbook has a slight nostalgic feel, but I do think there are ways of capturing nostalgia without being dated. Overall the pictures are certainly not bad, but not as stunning as other books I own. Overall I think this is a fun book for someone who wants to relive their preppy days through food.

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