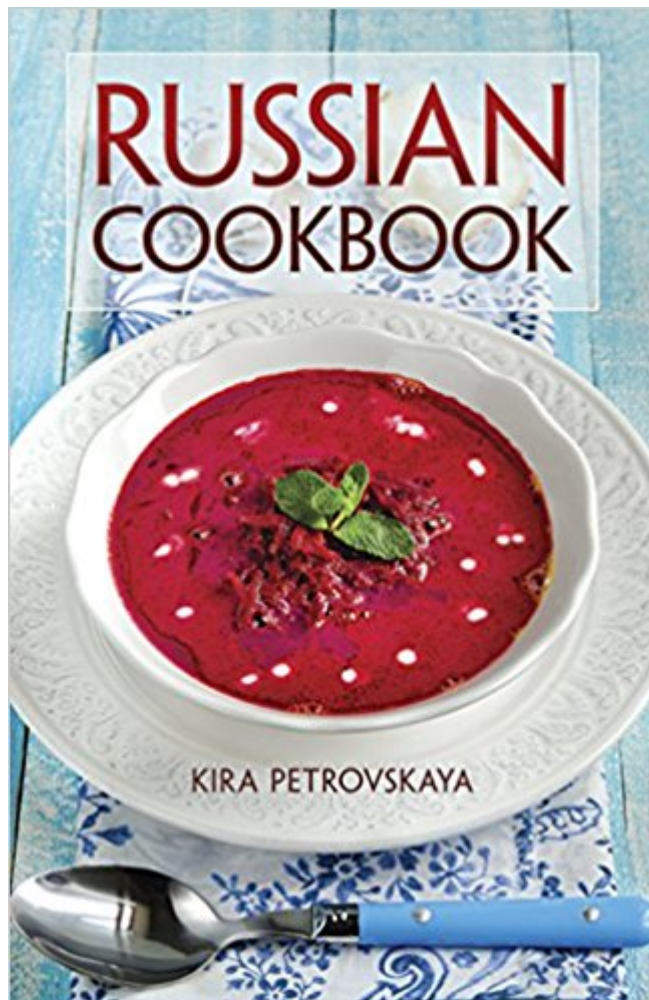




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Russian Cookbook



Synopsis

With this handy, easy-to-follow guide you can create over 200 hearty flavorful dishes that have delighted the Russian palate for generations. Here are complete recipes for such taste-tempting traditional fare as borsch, shashlik of salmon, Russian meatloaf with rice zrazy, Russian squab in sour cream, potato kotlety, pirozhki and pirogi, blini, the traditional Easter dessert paskha, and many more. Best of all you need only ingredients from your local grocery to make a wide range of delectable dishes, from one-dish meals to sumptuous party spreads. In addition to the recipes you'll also find fascinating facts about the origins of Russian foods; whole sections on soups, meats, fish, vegetables, and sauces; and helpful hints for saving time and money when buying and preparing foods. There are a dozen ways to dress up herring, turn sour cream dishes into a gourmet's delight, and use meat and vegetables to make healthy, filling salads. You'll even find a recipe for a useful household remedy made from leftover apple peels. A descendant of the Russian aristocracy, Kyra Petrovskaya collected these authentic traditional recipes from her mother and grandmother. Requiring no more effort than ordinary meals, the recipes invite today's cooks to explore the rich culinary traditions of Mother Russia and to bring new variety and interest to mealtime.

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Customer Reviews

Don't spend your money on Russian Cookbook! It has no pictures at all! Highly disappointed! As a present for somebody who is not russian it would be useless!

I never know which book is more authentic, so, that's why I gave it 4 stars. It's a nice book.

The recipient is Russian, and she liked this a great deal. It has several of the recipes she needs to learn. This also came sooner than expected. I'm glad.

This book was recently discovered by me on a bookshelf in a spare bedroom. "Well, it couldn't be that bad", I thought. I was wrong. It can. As far as I remember, I have not cooked a single recipe out of it in the three years that I have owned the book (the fact that my father sent me a cookbook in Russian from Russia must have played a role). The recipes in Petrovskaya's book are NOT authentically Russian. So if you are indeed a Russian living in America, don't waste your money (and if you are not convinced, should I mention her recipe for plov without meat?)! It is geared towards an American cook not familiar with Russian food in the least. On the positive note, it will not send you on a wild goose chase searching for some exotic ingredient (tvorog, for example) to the local supermarket. So if you fit the description above (American, never been to Russia, never tasted Russian food) it might be for you. A personal grudge I hold against Kira Petrovskaya is her CONSTANT mention of insatiable Russian appetite. In fact, from my experience (and from my 20 years of experience living in Russia), Russians don't eat anywhere near as much as Americans (and hence as a nation are not obese). Overall, pass this book for a much better (although not perfect) Anya Von Bremzen's "Please to the Table"

Unlike some of the other reviewers, I have actually cooked some of the recipes in this book. It is a decent little cookbook. Some people may not like it because the recipes are not EXACTLY like their mother used to make in the "old country", but Russia is a huge place with millions of people -- recipes vary. To complain that one recipe is different (as one reviewer does) is like complaining that there are different ways to serve a hamburger. I am not a Russian and cannot tell if the recipes are absolutely authentic. But the ones I tried are tasty enough to suit me.

This is the best Russian Cookbook ever. I received a xerox copy of the original hardbound book when I got married 42 years ago. It was getting hard to read a lot of the pages but still great to use. I was so happy to find this book at a reasonable price from a great seller. I bought 2 copies so my daughter now can cook great food too. Thanks for your excellent service.

Another perspective on Russian cooking for an American audience- Kyra Petrovskaya published this book first in 1961, when few Russian cookbooks were available, therefore it is interesting to read her comments and the book's recipes for historical content alone.

Great recipes, poor product, could use some pictures of finished dishes

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