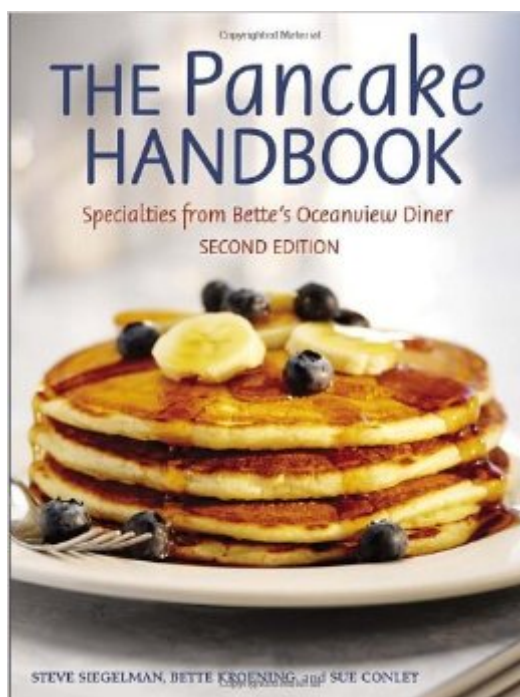


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The Pancake Handbook: Specialties From Bette's Oceanview Diner



Synopsis

Settle into a plush, red Naugahyde booth at Bette's Oceanview Diner, and you'll be served some of the best pancakes on the planet. Back in 1982, Bette's was founded in Berkeley, California, by a breakfast-loving group of chefs. It has since become one of the Bay Area's favorite breakfast and brunch spots, with people lining up well before the doors open each morning. In *THE PANCAKE HANDBOOK*, Bette's classic buttermilk pancakes take their place alongside daily pancake specials, including blueberry yogurt, golden cornmeal, double chocolate, and sourdough-not to mention the signature soufflé pancakes, which emerge from the oven spectacularly puffed and golden brown. Packed with tips on keeping your pancakes fluffy and plenty of topping and syrup suggestions, this revised edition with more than 15 new recipes is sure to become your personal pancake bible. A pancake primer from the pancake experts at Bette's Oceanview Diner in Berkeley, California. Includes more than 75 recipes and variations. First edition sold 20,000 copies. Reviews "The most tempting, comforting compilation of pancake recipes I've found." -Karola Saekel, San Francisco Chronicle STEVE SIEGELMAN, BETTE KROENING, and SUE CONLEY were among the original founders of Bette's Oceanview Diner in Berkeley, California. Steve is a Berkeley-based food writer for print and television. Bette, the diner's namesake, still owns and runs the restaurant with her husband, Manfred. Sue went on to found Tomales Bay Foods and has become a pioneer in the artisan cheese movement through her Cowgirl Creamery in Point Reyes Station and Artisan Cheese in San Francisco.

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Customer Reviews

Being a former San Francisco resident I've had the pleasure of eating at Bette's Oceanview Diner. The only problem with eating Bette's cakes is your faced with the reality that you own pancakes really don't compare. Now, with this book in hand, I am delighted to say that this is no longer the case. The Pancake Handbook isn't a mere "recipe book". I've tried many recipes throughout the years with varying success. In this book you'll learn that picking the right flour, baking soda and other ingredients is just as important as how they're mixed together. You'll learn about griddle temperature, batter consistency and when to flip for perfect doneness. There are so many simple little tricks to better pancakes and they're all in this book. The recipes cover pancakes of all varieties including; basic, fancy, spiced, cornmeal, whole-wheat, and sourdough. There are chapters on dairy pancakes, crepes, souffl  pancakes, kid's pancakes and toppings. Many of them have variations and add-ins as well as optional ingredients such as how to make buttermilk pancakes when you haven't any buttermilk on hand. I would recommend this book to anyone wanting to make great cakes regardless of your current cooking abilities. It is simple to follow and virtually guarantees fantastic results.

This book is a must have for any pancake lover. I was first introduced to The Pancake Handbook through reading a two page spread of excerpts in the LA Times. I tried 3 of the 5 recipes before I bought the book. Every recipe I've tested so far is delicious and superb!!!

This isn't quite what i expected. It's very small and there are no photos- something I always appreciate in a cookbook. I bought this as part of a breakfast gift basket along with a good skillet for making pancakes, Vermont maple syrup, some specialty pancake/waffle mixes so it's fine but nothing to get excited about.

Read the beginning! Do not skip it! Tells you why to follow the recipes! You cannot mess up these pancakes if you follow their rules! My sister uses this, and she makes the best waffles. I made the Crunchy Whole Wheat Walnut Hotcakes and substituted pecans, added ground flax, and everybody (ages 4 to 41) LOVED them. NONE left for the next day. My kids begged to try another recipe the next weekend! April 2012 We still love this book! We have been working our way through and love all of the recipes we have used so far! We bought a waffle maker (Presto Flip Side) and now are using the recipes for waffles. One of our favorites is the Pumpkin. We usually make a triple batch (family of 6) to have leftovers.

I LOVE this pancake cookbook!!! The pancakes are fabulous!!!! If you prefer waffles they turn out perfect!! I am SO pleased with this cookbook!! I've tried several of the recipes and each one turned out to perfection!! How did I get along all these years without it?!

Recipe after luscious recipe of tired and true pancakes as served in one of the best pancake and breakfast places in the country. You can't miss with this book. I just wish it was available as a hard bound. the large paperback won't last very long use.

What a nice book. I've tried many of the recipes already and found them to be accurate and tasty. I've already got notes in the margins, so I know this is a recipe book I'll be going back to often. It was fun to see this diner on Diners,Drive-Ins and Dives, and be able to purchase this book.

I primarily purchased this book so that I would have the recipe for Bette's Diner Souffle Pancakes. These oven pancakes were featured on one of the Food Channel's segments of Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives. With this book I was able to recreate this great dish in my own kitchen. The book has many other pancake recipes that I will be trying out. Along with the recipes are cooking hints and advice specific to producing delicious pancakes.

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