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# Old Sturbridge Village Cookbook, 3rd: Authentic Early American Recipes For The Modern Kitchen



## Synopsis

As the largest outdoor living history complex in the Northeast, Old Sturbridge Village has fostered the feel, and the flavors, of America's past for more than half a century. This third edition of the cherished *The Old Sturbridge Village Cookbook*—unique in presenting not only authentic mouthwatering recipes from the late-eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, but also adaptations for cooking in modern kitchens—has been revised and updated with new information on early American foodways and tested, successful recipes for fireplace cooking. Learn how to preserve apples for year-round use, how salt-preserved meats were freshened, how Election Cake got its name, and how to select the best fish for dinner. With a range of delicious recipes from roasts and fricassees to pies and puddings, and with a beautiful, user-friendly new design, *The Old Sturbridge Village Cookbook* will be treasured by history buffs, cookbook collectors, and all food lovers with an interest in re-creating the best of early American cuisine.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book for dabbling into hearth cooking. I found that, even though I do make things the old fashion way, I am afforded a modern baking method as well! I love reading the old descriptions

as well as literally tasting history when I am done, so it is highly recommended for anyone who loves the taste of old world foods!

Great recipes from Sturbridge!

Great book, great service.

My mom is from a town near Sturbridge so she loved this as a gift for Christmas. Lots of great recipes!

HAD GOOD RECIPES NICELY PACKAGED VERY WELL PRICED A VERY GOOD VALUEI TRIED SEVERAL OF THE RECIPES ALL GOOD

The books were described as "NEW". However, they have dirt smudges and yellow marking pen lines on the exterior pages. The covers had been bent slightly. I ordered two books and both were in the same condition. It is false advertising to describe a book as in "NEW" condition when, in fact, it is not.

This has easy to follow recipe adaptations of recipes that were in use in the 1830s and before. I especially love the Washington Cake recipe, which calls for wine. It's a not-too-sweet cake with a few simple spices that people compliment. You can use apple juice instead of the wine. Nice pictures in the cookbook, too.

When I reviewed theÂ previous editionÂ of this book, it was shortly before it went out of print, and I criticized it strongly for its idiosyncratic and often inconvenient organization, especially regarding pictures and attributions. Now I don't know if it was the change in editorship between editions or just a general desire to improve the book, but the definitive book on early US hearth cookery has gotten drastically better despite only a bit of change in the overall content of the book. Some of the recipe names have been changed, but the pictures are now more consistently labeled, and the recipe quotes are labeled by their original sources. A few (not nearly enough IMHO) add editor notes and informational sidebars as well, and the decidedly strange citation-in-index method used in the second edition has been completely eliminated. If you already have an earlier edition, you might want to flip through this to see if the updates are worth it, but overall the new edition makes for a

much cleaner and easier-to-approach presentation.

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