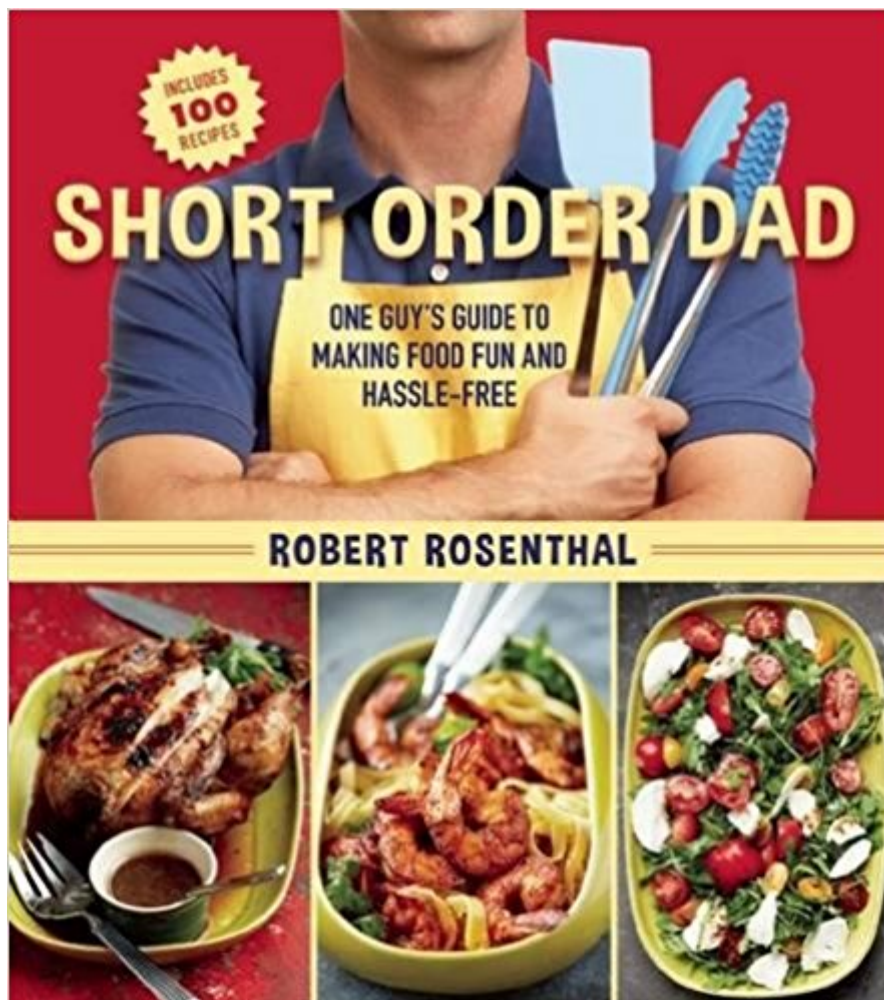




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# Short Order Dad: One Guy's Guide To Making Food Fun And Hassle-Free



## Synopsis

There is a new kind of dad, and he's doing far more domestic duty than at any time in history, including cooking. Although it's written with a sense of humor, this book is a serious resource for dads and anyone else interested in upping their game to make great tasting food at home, even if they have never used a chef's knife or a roasting pan before. Author Robert Rosenthal teaches basic techniques and presents a playbook of simple recipes that achieve the most taste with the fewest ingredients and the least effort. The dishes are sophisticated enough for entertaining, yet family table tested as well. Short Order Dad covers all the essentials, from shopping ingredients and cooking tools to appetizers, soups and salads, snacks, entrees, sauces and dressings, sides, desserts, cocktails and more, to make anyone a successful chef. Good cooking doesn't have to be complicated to be great. In fact, it's just the opposite. So whether you're clueless in the kitchen, pan-fry phobic, or already a skilled cook, Short Order Dad is here to help turn your kitchen into a place to play. Skyhorse Publishing, along with our Good Books and Arcade imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of cookbooks, including books on juicing, grilling, baking, frying, home brewing and winemaking, slow cookers, and cast iron cooking. We've been successful with books on gluten-free cooking, vegetarian and vegan cooking, paleo, raw foods, and more. Our list includes French cooking, Swedish cooking, Austrian and German cooking, Cajun cooking, as well as books on jerky, canning and preserving, peanut butter, meatballs, oil and vinegar, bone broth, and more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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“Rob Rosenthal’s approach to the kitchen is commonsensical, whimsical, and above all intelligible; which is by no means always the case in cookbooks these days. He obviously loves preparing good food as much as he loves eating it, and he knows how to convey his affection with those two admirable writerly virtues: clarity and wit. This book will have you cooking, and probably smiling, in, er, short order.”—Colman Andrews, editorial director, *The Daily Meal*; eight-time James Beard award-winning author “When was the last time you smiled your way through an entire cookbook? Every single recipe in Rob Rosenthal’s *Short Order Dad* is one you want to (and actually can) cook. While incredibly informative and a great handbook for novices and seasoned cooks alike, this book gives you the sense that above all, cooking is about relaxing, creating pleasure, and having fun.”—Danny Meyer, restaurateur and author, *Setting the Table* “I’m convinced that if we all had a dad like Rob Rosenthal, the world would be a happier, healthier place. His command of the stove, and ability to distill even the most complicated cooking techniques into applicable, intuitive recipes and advice, proves that a man’s place is most certainly in the kitchen. *Short Order Dad* is delicious fun for the whole family! It’s such a great book; I can’t wait to get it for my own dad, brothers, husband, best friend, uncle, and nephew.”—Gail Simmons, food expert and author of *Talking with My Mouth Full* “This book breaks it down; it’s in Robert’s voice too, which cracks me up. It has the power to make the most mannish dad novices earn the confidence in the kitchen to please crowds. I even got some ideas for the menu at Little Owl.”—Joey Campanaro, chef and owner, Little Owl (Greenwich Village, NYC) “Short Order Dad is a simple, fun book that encompasses all the aspects of a good home cookbook; his philosophies of never wasting a meal, or his connection to food through his family and heritage, is the way everyone should cook and eat. Robert’s love for food and cooking is evident in the way the book is laid out. His approach to all aspects of cooking a meal, from tools to techniques to shopping, is a great layperson’s guide to everyday cooking. His recipes are well chosen and not fussy or complicated. If you know Robert, the only thing missing while you cook from this book is his physical presence; his voice and joyful character are embodied in every word of the book.”—Floyd Cardoz, chef, Paowalla (NYC) and The Bombay Canteen (India); winner, *Top Chef Masters* “I’ve personally tasted some of Rob’s

delicious cooking at parties that he's thrown and I'm super psyched to see him put all of his recipes into this book. Now dads across America can join in the fun, thanks to Rob. Bill Telepan, chef, Telepan Restaurant; executive chef, Wellness in the Schools; Listen up, men! Nothing is sexier than a guy who can cook for his family, and Chef Rosenthal delivers the power tools necessary to gain confidence in the kitchen. This hilarious manual provides the road map that every savvy man needs to turn his kitchen into a culinary playground. David and Veronica James, authors of *Going Gypsy: One Couple's Adventure from Empty Nest to No Nest at All*; The ideal handbook for all beginners in the kitchen, but makes the perfect gift to all fathers looking to up their cooking game. The Daily Meal "[An] inspirational book that will tickle your taste buds as well as broaden [your] view of what cooking is and what it is not." Dad of Divas

Robert Rosenthal presented creative ideas around the world as an award-winning international advertising executive, performed his standup routine in NYC's top comedy clubs, and earned a professional cooking degree from the prestigious Institute of Culinary Education. *Ad Age* calls him, "undoubtedly one of the industry's most colorful characters." He has hosted hundreds of fun food segments on TV stations across the country and his columns appear regularly in the *Huffington Post*. His video program runs weekly on food and drink mega-site *The Daily Meal*, where he is the resident food humorist. Rosenthal is the personal chef to his wife and kids, who named him Short Order Dad.

There is nothing better than delicious food you can make with simple preparation in a short amount of time. Rob Rosenthal has created a book with humor and elan that is a wonderful guide for anyone but especially those who want to cook but might feel intimidated. One of the common things that holds most people back from cooking is that they are worried that it will be too difficult. I would tell them to get *Short Order Dad* and dive right in. What is also wonderful is that the book provides much needed guidance about the essentials like building a pantry, how to deal with disasters and general cooking information. It also provides encouragement in the form of easy to read and use recipes that will make a chef out of anyone! I just got the book and already made a dishes that were not only delicious and immensely flavorful but impressed my dinner guests! Love it love it love it. I have attached my before and after pics of the *Scallops Provencal*. We ate them right out of the pan (and had to stop ourselves from licking the bottom!)

I just made dinner with recipes from this book. It was the most delicious and simple to prepare meal!!!! It looked so beautiful my kids even took pictures of each dish to show their friends. I know it's called "Short Order Dad" but I am a mom with lots of cooking experience and this book is giving me so many great recipe ideas and cooking tips. I am also really enjoying reading every page and loving the author's funny and passionate relationship with food.

Just received my copy of SHORT ORDER DAD. wow! I want to eat my way through every gorgeous page of this book. As The Sneaky Chef (who uses her husband's account to buy stuff LOL), I am a total foodie and passionate about feeding our families real food. This author delivers on his promise of "never waste a meal" - you have to get a copy of this for your hubby or yourself. Amazingly simple yet delicious recipes and clever use of ingredients just made the kids the Baked Chicken Parmigiana and they gobbled it up - didn't even need to sneak in veggies because I served it with a side of his Glazed Carrots and they LOVED it!

I became a stepmom to teenage boys and my only cooking skills were ordering in. Right after I bought Short Order Dad, I made graduation dinner for our family and friends in 40 minutes. Short Order Dad's simple, delicious and healthy approach for chicken parmigiana, roast asparagus, and Short Order Dad: One Guy's Guide to Making Food Fun and Hassle-Free and glazed carrots got a standing ovation and no leftovers. That never happens. Friends have recommended countless cookbooks to help me from Mark Bittman to Jamie Oliver, but Robert Rosenthal's approach resonated with me. Don't go straight to the recipes, enjoy the first part of the book, it sets you up for success and a good laugh too.

Just like the back cover promises, SHORT ORDER DAD delivers simple, great tasting and easy recipes. The Ancho chili shrimp is amazing. Pink peppercorn biscuits blew my guests' minds. But beyond that, I literally sat down and read through the chapters, which were fresh, funny, and nostalgic. The writer's passion for food really comes through. I'm finding myself returning to the book to try new recipes every chance I get.

The Robert Rosenthal credo: Never Waste a Meal, is both inspiring and challenging. But, but, with this book we have a legitimate shot of pursuing it. More than easy to make, tasty recipes, RR makes

us confident in the kitchen and better, makes it fun. What he doesn't say, but I bet he knows, this book is just as valuable for Short Order Moms. Hey, I'll take another helping of Clams and Chorizo (p. 137). Yum

This book is so much fun! I just received mine last night and began reading immediately! It has a fantastic selection of interesting, fun, easy recipes and it's loaded with a fun dose of the author's unique sense of humor. The recipes are broken down into categories for quick skimming along with some beautiful full color pictures that makes me want to eat everything off the page!

My neighbor raved about this book, and she was right. As a recent single Dad, this book was exactly what I needed. Robert Rosenthal walks you through the basics, so you never waste a meal. My kids are now calling me Short Order Dad! I've perfected roasted chicken, turkey meatballs, guacamole, to name of few of our favorite recipes. It has given me the confidence and the recipes to host my first Labor Day weekend party as a single Dad. Thank you Mr. Rosenthal! - William R.

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