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Fairy House Cooking: Simple Scrumptious Recipes & Fairy Party Fun!



Synopsis

Scrumptious fun for fairies, friends, and families The fairies (and kids) are invading the kitchen. Following up on the popular *Fairy House* and *Fairy Garden* handbooks, Liza Gardner Walsh presents a new dimension in fairy-themed activities—Cooking! In this delightful book, there are lots of delicious recipes, such as pretty fairy muffins, tiny confetti cookies, candied violets, and many more. There are also recipes for tiny snacks meant for fairies, and fun recipes for treats to leave out for the animal friends of fairies. Complementing the recipes will be fun sidebars of fairy lore and guides for hosting fairy-themed teas and birthday parties. Simple steps and easy-to-follow recipes help kids and parents make yummy food for parties, friends, or just for fun.

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Customer Reviews

Liza Gardner Walsh has worked as a children's librarian, pre-school teacher, high-school English teacher, writing tutor, museum educator, and she holds an MFA in writing from Vermont College. She lives with her family in Camden, Maine.

The author, Liza Gardner Walsh, has created a hybrid cooking and craft book. My only complaint is the lack of clarity when it comes to using edible ingredients versus inedible ingredients. At the beginning of her book she writes about creating "fairy soups" in her backyard which I presume was not "real" cooking as the ingredients were not meant for eating. In fairness there are sections of the cookbook where she warns young cooks about selecting safe food ingredients. I do believe her book

would have been far better if she had focused on either writing a cookbook or a craft book. Her attempt to do both muddled the issue. At the end of her book you'll find a chapter called Mud Pies. This chapter is a perfect example of lack of clarity. When it comes to imagination and play her book is superb. I loved the fairy drawings, her ideas on how to present a tea party, and I loved the color photos strewn throughout her book. I would highly encourage parents to supervise and explain how to use her book. I'd give her book 5 stars for creativity and 3 stars for implementation. Recommend with caveats given. Review written after downloading a galley from Net Galley.

Fairy House Cooking, Simple Scrumptious Recipes & Fairy Party Fun! by Liza Gardner Walsh is a fun book in deed. It is jam packed with recipes, with clear directions, colorful photographs and delightful little tidbits giving insight into the fairy world. They are sandwiches, sweets, breakfast food and edible flowers. Something for everyone. Not every recipe had a photo of the finished product but there are many that do. The Purple Power Puffs and Edible Fairy Houses were favorites of mine as well as the chapter on Recipes for the Fairies & Friends that are for play only but include mud pies. Not really a child's book but for anyone who wants to have fairy food fun with children as their assistant. The publisher through Net Galley provided a copy.

Every little girl dreams of the make-believe world of fairies, and loves to participate in fairy-themed parties. Fairy House Cooking: Simple Scrumptious Recipes & Fairy Party Fun! includes plenty of recipes and ideas for a perfect make-believe party, and the recipes are not only easy enough for kids, but are dishes that kids are sure to like. There are suggestions on keeping the kitchen clean, kitchen safety, notes to parents, and cooking tips. Each recipe is rated according to difficulty. There are picture of most of the recipes, along with fairies making and eating them. Some of the recipes are everyday recipes that most of us are familiar with, such as muffins, scones, a puffy pancake, and morning glory muffins. The recipes have been given a "fairy" twist, however, to make them fun for kids to make. One recipe, Speedy Garden Patch Cake, is known to many as Wacky Cake or a similar name, and can be whipped up in about 6 minutes. Walsh adds dirt, worms, and flowers for the fairy element, and the finished cake is almost magical as well as delicious. There is a recipe for Candied Violets (wasn't there a cake with candied violets in one of the Harry Potter Books?) and uses for edible flours. The book includes an excellent, flaky pie crust recipe that can be used for a scrumptious blueberry pie and miniature plum (or peach) tartlets. Also, an easy Apple Crisp as well as some no-bake confections such as Bird's Nest Cookies and Fairy Wands. Little girls (and some boys) will consider this

book magical and will want to make every recipe in the book to serve at a fairy tea or just for fun on a leisure afternoon. The recipes are easy, succinct, and easy to follow. Although it is always recommended that an adult be present when kids are cooking, the recipes are easy enough for kids to make by themselves, and most call for simple ingredients that are already in the fridge, freezer or on pantry shelves. *Fairy House Cooking: Simple Scrumptious Recipes & Fairy Party Fun!* is a magical book with great pictures, great recipes, and great ideas for kids to entertain. It would make an excellent gift and addition to any cookbook collection.

A delightful book for all! I enjoyed the fairy "food" and then the real food. It was fun to have created food with my daughter. We really enjoyed working through each recipe. Thinking of fairies calls upon imagination and I enjoyed the variety of unique ideas that came with this book. It is one to do with your children not send them out alone to do, and I feel like that was the message the author wanted to give "become a child again, find the magic".

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