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The Best Of Vietnamese & Thai Cooking: Favorite Recipes From Lemon Grass Restaurant And Cafes



Synopsis

Light, Fresh, Exotic, and Delicious! Tangy, sweet, and savory traditional dipping sauces. Mouthwatering soups. Innovative stir-fries. The Best of Vietnamese & Thai Cooking offers just that – the very best! Weaving a fascinating memoir amidst her splendid recipes, Mai Pham recreates the almost magical reverence with which food was prepared and enjoyed in the Vietnam and Thailand of her childhood. Inside she discloses the secrets to preparing her personal favorites – delicious dishes such as: Firecracker Prawns • Minty Thai Chicken Salad • Hot and Spicy Chicken with Lemon Grass • Spicy Red Beef Curry • Crispy Spring Rolls • Eggplant and Broccoli in Ginger • Spicy Thai Cucumber Salad • Rice Paper-Wrapped Salad Rolls • Bangkok Beef with Basil • Lemon Grass Stir-Fried Jasmine Rice • Vegetarian Pad Thai • Perfectly Roasted Peanuts • Thai Tea • Evocative, lyrical, and eloquent, The Best of Vietnamese & Thai Cooking is more than a collection of great recipes – it's a pleasure to read.

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Customer Reviews

Mai Pham has woven wonderful memories between the recipes of this beautiful book: memories of her childhood in Bangkok, her Vietnamese family and their reverence for good food, her husband's search for the best pho recipe in Saigon. The recipes themselves are light, healthy, and loaded with the unique flavors -- strong and delicate, tangy and mild, sweet and mouth-puckeringly sour, always exotic and delicious -- of Southeast Asia. Pham owns the Lemon Grass Restaurant and Cafes in Sacramento, and is a well-known teacher of Southeast Asian cooking.

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Very good Thai recipes, and the Vietnamese are easy and look very very good. Will have to let you know after trying more recipes, but the ones we tried were very well received. The Thai are simple and very tasty. Thanks.

This cook book is simply great. I tried a dozen of recipes in the last month and every day I impressed my husband, we truly enjoyed our meals together. It is very easy to follow the steps in each recipe, it does not take a lot of time or effort to prepare, yet the result is amazing. Thanks to Mai Pham and this cook book, I start to appreciate different spices, herbs, their wonderful aroma and the beauty of food. I am Vietnamese, growing up in Vietnam, so I could say that the Vietnamese recipes are authentic, but of course, with a bit of creative touch by Mai Pham. The Thai recipes are great, i have so much fun trying and learning Thai cuisine from this book, I may get another Thai cook book later but I trust very much the well-prepared, well-tested recipes from Mai Pham. A couple of Italian and French dishes from this book are also great, my husband is an Italian and they did impress him.

My all time favorite cookbook! Written for Western cooks, filled with great meat and vegetarian recipes for Vietnamese and Thai food. Mai Pham did an outstanding job with this timeless work that provides helpful hints on how to make every recipe a success. Perfect for casual dining to formal, multi course meals. Ingredients easily available between local markets and local Asian market. I recommend it without reservation!

Great book. Nice history and great recipes. Needs photos.

When I first bought this book I thought it was great but since then I have purchased Into the Vietnamese Kitchen: Treasured Foodways, Modern Flavors which is much more detailed and authentic. This "lemongrass" book is good for an introduction to both THAI and Vietnamese cuisine but I find it leans more towards "Americanizing" its flavors and for someone like myself who is trying to learn Vietnamese cuisine for her husbands sake..isn't the best. I being Hispanic, like the recipes but my Asian husband said they lacked TRUE flavor..hence my second purchase, which is a big hit. I like the Thai recipes in this book but tend to turn to the before mentioned book for Vietnamese recipes.

This could do with more pictures, as it is nice to see what you are about to cook, however the content is easy to read, good history and information in the book and a nice table of spices available. Some wonderful dishes are in this book. I can't wait to cook more of them. A great price and a great recipe book.

Being a Vietnamese-American, I have found this book useful in supplementing what I had learned as a kid growing up in Viet Nam. The notable recipes included Beef Noodle Soup (the spice mix is the trick to get the right flavor in the broth) and spring rolls and related sauces (hoisin-based and fish-sauce based). My mother, who has been cooking since her teens, has also found the recipes very useful. My only gripe would be wanting more recipes! :) All in all, worth the money. I am looking forward to trying the dishes at Lemongrass in Sacramento.

Very easy to follow. Love the recipes. I have cooked Thai and Vietnamese for many years. This book had some new recipes and great modern twist to several. Highly recommended.

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