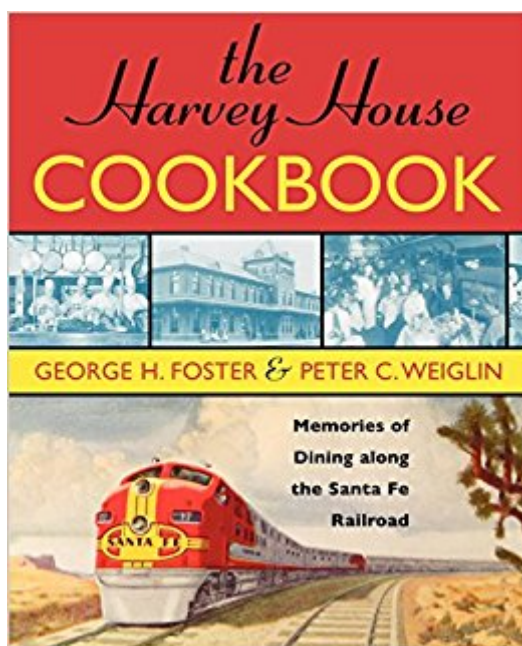


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Synopsis

In the 1870s, people traveling west of the Mississippi were still venturing into the wild. Loud, smoke-belching trains might have cut across the rough terrain, but harsh weather, rigid seats, and short breaks for bad food in the middle of nowhere showed the West was by no means won. Entrepreneur Fred Harvey had an eye for such problems and a nerve for the impossible. In 1876, he began establishing high-quality dining rooms along the Santa Fe Railroad, and his Harvey Houses helped change the entire picture of the American West. Recapture the spirit of the first western railway excursions with *The Harvey House Cookbook*. Its 200-plus vintage recipes, numerous period photos, and fascinating stories will take readers back to one of America's legendary experiences in the Old West.

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Contains recipes that are certainly from another time (especially in quantity measurements). But based on the rave reviews Harvey House food enjoyed, all these dishes should prove to be delicious. American history is also a strong component in using this book as The Fred Harvey Company played a major role in "civilizing" the southwest for travelers and settlers.

You'll have fun recreating these recipes resurrected from an era of high class dining on our legendary dining cars of a by-gone era. Fred Harvey set a standard for dining on a scale that has not been recreated since the demise of our wonderful, cross-country rail passenger system!.

Very interesting reading because of the history of the Harvey House Cooks, and the recipes a terrific and a reminder of days gone by.

There are better books on dining car recipes, including "Dining by Rail" and "Dinner in the Diner," and both available through . And, there are more complete books on Fred Harvey, such as Stephen Fried's wonderful "Appetite for America." The cookbook portion of "The Harvey House Cookbook" is better than the space devoted to Harvey the man. Still, you'll be left hungering for more regardless of what you're looking for.

My grandmother was a Harvey Girl and I bought this cookbook for my mom. It means a lot to her. I love the vintage recipes. Overall, I think this is a great gift item, particularly for anyone who has a connection to the history of the Harvey House. I will probably get a couple more copies for my aunts around Christmas time.

I enjoyed reading the Harvey House Cookbook. I have written a novel about a Harvey girl in Kansas and am in the process of getting it published and am working on another one. It was interesting to read the recipes they used. Although I had read most of the history of the Harvey Houses, it was good to have a review. I love an new information I can get about that era.

Love the history wrapped around the recipes. Going to be very helpful for research.

Interesting book, especially since I like to vacation in the Southwest (Santa Fe NM), so it reminds me of the old days & old-fashioned restaurant cooking. Also, my husband works in the rail industry, so train history interests us.

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