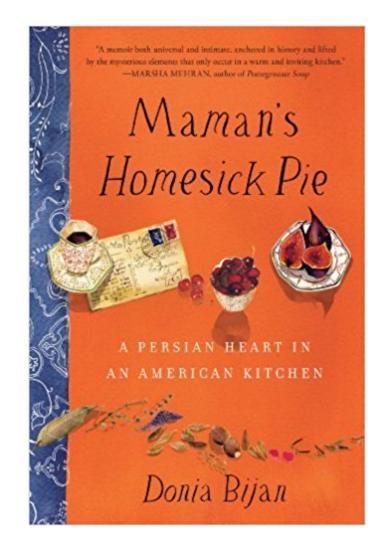
The book was found

Maman's Homesick Pie: A Persian Heart In An American Kitchen





Synopsis

For Donia Bijanâ [™]s family, food has been the language they use to tell their stories and to communicate their love. In 1978, when the Islamic revolution in Iran threatened their safety, they fled to Californiaâ [™]s Bay Area, where the familiar flavors of Bijanâ [™]s motherâ [™]s cooking formed a bridge to the life they left behind. Now, through the prism of food, award-winning chef Donia Bijan unwinds her own story, finding that at the heart of it all is her mother, whose love and support enabled Bijan to realize her dreams. From the Persian world of her youth to the American life she embraced as a teenager to her years at Le Cordon Bleu in Paris (studying under the infamous Madame Brassart) to apprenticeships in Franceâ [™]s three-star kitchens and finally back to San Francisco, where she opened her own celebrated bistro, Bijan evokes a vibrant kaleidoscope of cultures and cuisines. And she shares thirty inspired recipes from her childhood (Saffron Yogurt Rice with Chicken and Eggplant and Orange Cardamom Cookies), her French training (Ratatouille with Black Olives and Fried Bread and Purple Plum Skillet Tart), and her cooking career (Roast Duck Legs with Dates and Warm Lentil Salad and Rose Petal Ice Cream). An exhilarating, heartfelt memoir, Mamanâ [™]s Homesick Pie is also a reminder of the women who encourage us to shine.

Book Information

Hardcover: 272 pages Publisher: Algonquin Books; F First Edition edition (October 11, 2011) Language: English ISBN-10: 1565129571 ISBN-13: 978-1565129573 Product Dimensions: 5.8 x 0.9 x 8.6 inches Shipping Weight: 3.8 pounds (View shipping rates and policies) Average Customer Review: 4.7 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (70 customer reviews) Best Sellers Rank: #468,712 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #136 in Books > Cookbooks, Food & Wine > Regional & International > Middle Eastern #670 in Books > Biographies & Memoirs > Professionals & Academics > Culinary #2926 in Books > Cookbooks, Food & Wine > Cooking Education & Reference

Customer Reviews

This is a memoir to savor. It's a breath-taking account of a young woman who lived the life of a cherished and richly encompassed child of the world at large. I became spellbound by Donia Bijan's life story immediately, and found myself holding my breath as I grasped her book, not wanting to

read it slowly, but speeding through its pages like a delicious crepe filled with Turkish coffee ice cream. While Ms Bijan's memoir is captivating in and of itself, her exotic recipes included at the end of chapters are both slightly tipped with the savory and screaming to be tried in one's own kitchen. I can hardly wait to try her Cardamom Honey Madeleines. Proustians everywhere know of his love affair with Madeleines to begin with, so her distinctive twist of cardamom with trying out farmers' market honeys makes this recipe irresistible to me. We have a great farmers' market in Naples. Not to mention that I have a fabulous Madeleine pan I've never used!What I found intriguing among so many things about this memoir is the tone of her literary "voice." I suppose I expected a lilting celebration of food and family...a "warm and inviting kitchen" experience as expressed on the cover review. Instead, Ms Bijan's telling of her past life as a refugee from revolutionary-torn Iran, to the shores of a hip and culturally shocking San Francisco, and an unimaginably glorious but difficult training in the bowels of kitchens in Paris, France, is somewhat maudlin. It's reflective. I found it a surprise, and a powerful memoir for that reason.Food, studying the art of food preparation and restauranteering isn't what's important in her memoir, it seems to me.

Download to continue reading...

Maman's Homesick Pie: A Persian Heart in an American Kitchen PIE: The 450 Best Homemade Pie Recipes (pie cookbook, savory pie recipes, low carb, vegetarian, vegan, paleo, gluten free, fruit pies, quiche recipes, tarts, pies, pastry, puff pastry recipes) Pie Cookbook: 25 Fantastic Recipes for Delicious Homemade Pie (Pie Cookbook Book, Pie recipes, Pies) Heart Disease: Heart Disease Prevention And Reversal Guide To Prevent Heart Disease And Reverse Heart Disease With Heart Disease Prevention Strategies And Heart Disease Diet Advice Crisco Pie Crust Recipes (Pie Recipes Book 3) The Savory Pie & Quiche Cookbook: The 50 Most Delicious Savory Pie & Quiche Recipes (Recipe Top 50's Book 85) Pie Recipes from Scratch - The Only Pie Cookbook You'll Ever Need (Hillbilly Housewife Cookbooks 4) Pie Iron Cookbook: 60 #Delish Pie Iron Recipes for Cooking in the Great Outdoors (60 Super Recipes Book 20) Persian Food from the Non-persian Bride: And Other Sephardic Kosher Recipes You Will Love History of Gulf States, Persian people,: Persian people, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirate Selected Poems from the Divan-e Shams-e Tabrizi: Along With the Original Persian (Classics of Persian Literature, 5) 12 Variations on "Ah, vous dirai-je, Maman," K. 265 (Alfred Masterwork Edition) Luau Chow: 30 Fun and Ono (Tasty) Island Favorites for Parties and the Homesick Hawaiian Homesick for the Hills Heart Health: Heart Healthy Cookbook: 30 Quick & Easy, Heart Healthy Greek Recipes For Smart Heart Health (cooking, weight loss, weight maintenance) (cooking, ... weight maintenance, weight watchers Book 1) The New Persian Kitchen The Saffron Tales: Recipes from the Persian Kitchen The American

Heart Association Low-Salt Cookbook: A Complete Guide to Reducing Sodium and Fat in Your Diet (AHA, American Heart Association Low-Salt Cookbook) American Heart Association Low-Salt Cookbook, 4th Edition: A Complete Guide to Reducing Sodium and Fat in Your Diet (AHA, American Heart Association Low-Salt Cookbook) American Heart Association Low-Salt Cookbook, 3rd Edition: A Complete Guide to Reducing Sodium and Fat in Your Diet (AHA, American Heart Association Low-Salt Cookbook)

<u>Dmca</u>