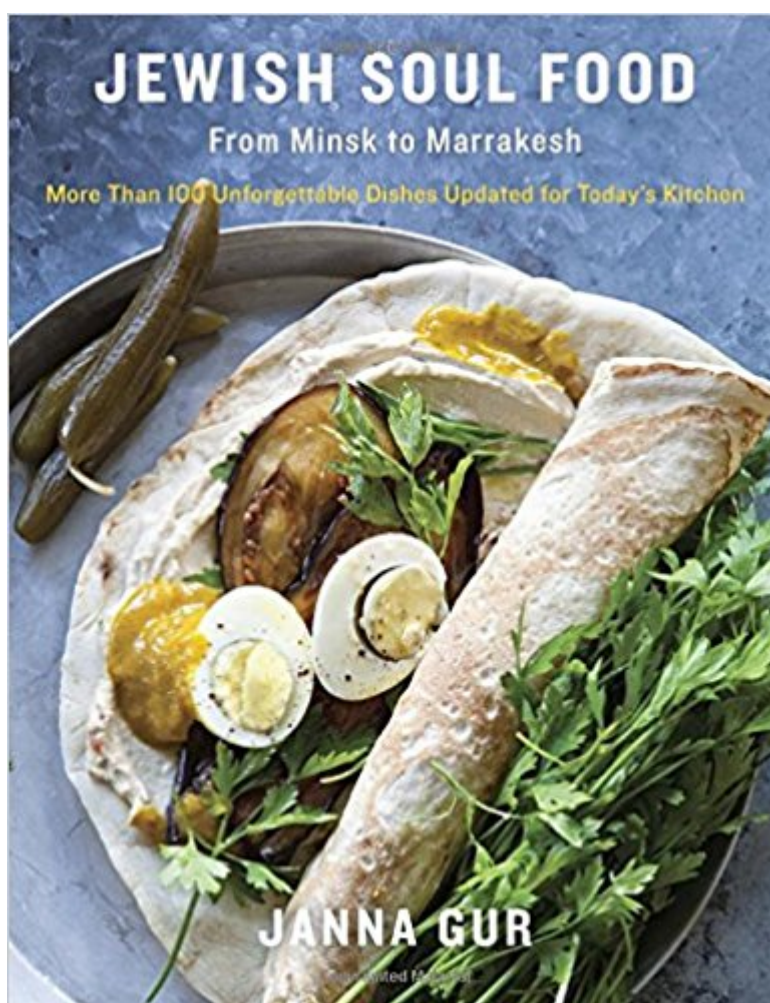


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Jewish Soul Food: From Minsk To Marrakesh, More Than 100 Unforgettable Dishes Updated For Today's Kitchen



Synopsis

The author of the acclaimed *The Book of New Israeli Food* returns with a cookbook devoted to the culinary masterpieces of Jewish grandmothers from Minsk to Marrakesh: recipes that have traveled across continents and cultural borders and are now brought to life for a new generation. For more than two thousand years, Jews all over the world developed cuisines that were suited to their needs (kashruth, holidays, Shabbat) but that also reflected the influences of their neighbors and that carried memories from their past wanderings. These cuisines may now be on the verge of extinction, however, because almost none of the Jewish communities in which they developed and thrived still exist. But they continue to be viable in Israel, where there are still cooks from the immigrant generations who know and love these dishes. Israel has become a living laboratory for this beloved and endangered Jewish food. The more than one hundred original, wide-ranging recipes in *Jewish Soul Food*—from Kubaneh, a surprising Yemenite version of a brioche, to Ushpa-lau, a hearty Bukharan pilaf—were chosen not by an editor or a chef but, rather, by what Janna Gur calls “natural selection.” These are the dishes that, though rooted in their original Diaspora provenance, have been embraced by Israelis and have become part of the country’s culinary landscape. The premise of *Jewish Soul Food* is that the only way to preserve traditional cuisine for future generations is to cook it, and Janna Gur gives us recipes that continue to charm with their practicality, relevance, and deliciousness. Here are the best of the best: recipes from a fascinatingly diverse food culture that will give you a chance to enrich your own cooking repertoire and to preserve a valuable element of the Jewish heritage and of its collective soul. (With full-color photographs throughout.)

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I was disappointed because there is so much overlap with her earlier cookbook "The Book of New Israeli Food." If I had never seen that book, I would have given this five stars. However, in the first 50 pages of Jewish Soul Food, there are 8 or 9 recipes which are identical (pickled lemons, harissa, broth for the Passover green chicken soup) or very, very similar (chopped liver, gefilte fish, gondi soup, matboukha) to recipes in her earlier book. My suggestion is buy one book or the other, but not

both. The two cookbooks overlap primarily in recipes for Jewish food of Middle Eastern origin. Here are the main differences. The "Book of New Israeli Food" is not just Jewish Israeli but also Arab Israeli so not all recipes are Kosher or from the Jewish community. "Jewish Soul Food" contains many more recipes for European Jewish (Ashkenazi) food. "Jewish Soul Food" also assumes a greater availability of "exotic" Middle Eastern ingredients. For example, both cookbooks have recipes for spicy Moroccan carrot salad. The "Book of New Israeli Food" uses lemon juice. The recipe in "Jewish Soul Food" uses Moroccan pickled lemons. When the recipes overlap, the ones in Jewish Soul Food tend to be more complex. Another example - The recipe for ras-el-hanoot (a Moroccan spice blend) in the earlier cookbook contains only five spices. The recipe in Jewish Soul Food is made up of 14 spices!

Great gift!

excellent jewish cookbook.

There is a lot of culture recipes in there, it's missing few but it's giving you the basics. there is Israeli recipes in There 2 ;-)

Very good book. The best cookbook I own! I tried at least 10 recipes and they're all fantastic!

Excellent in presentation and execution. Interesting new recepies and easy to follow.

Beautiful!!

This is a fun cook book

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