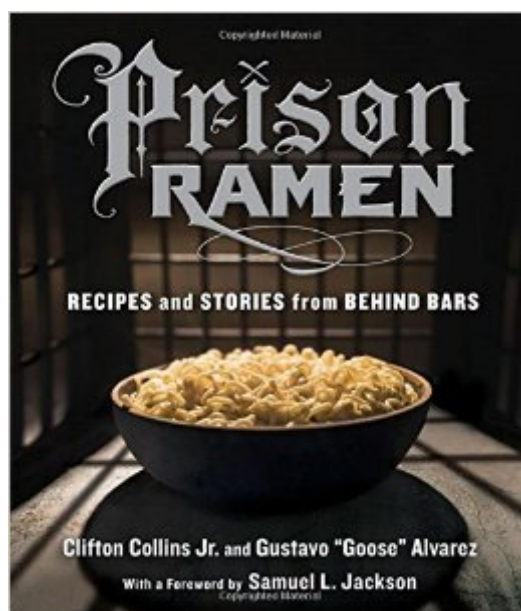


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Prison Ramen: Recipes And Stories From Behind Bars



Synopsis

A unique and edgy cookbook, *Prison Ramen* takes readers behind bars with more than 65 ramen recipes and stories of prison life from the inmate/cooks who devised them, including celebrities like Slash from Guns n' Roses and the actor Shia LaBeouf. Instant ramen is a ubiquitous food, beloved by anyone looking for a cheap, tasty bite—including prisoners, who buy it at the commissary and use it as the building block for all sorts of meals. Think of this as a unique cookbook of ramen hacks. Here's Ramen Goulash. Black Bean Ramen. Onion Tortilla Ramen Soup. The Jailhouse Hole Burrito. Orange Porkies—chili ramen plus white rice plus a bag of pork skins plus orange-flavored punch. Ramen Nuggets. Slash's J-Walking Ramen (with scallions, Sriracha hot sauce, and minced pork). Coauthors Gustavo "Goose" Alvarez and Clifton Collins Jr. are childhood friends—one an ex-con, now free and living in Mexico, and the other a highly successful Hollywood character actor who's enlisted friends and celebrities to contribute their recipes and stories. Forget flowery writing about precious, organic ingredients—these stories are a first-person, firsthand look inside prison life, a scared-straight reality to complement the offbeat recipes.

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Prison Ramen was an interesting mix. There was more heart than I anticipated. The authors asked a lot of famous people to contribute their stories from behind bars and/or their own Ramen recipe. The Stories run the gamut: interesting, violent, serious, heartwarming, appalling, and

humorous. Each story will open your eyes to an element of life behind bars. I was actually interested in each short story. The People - Those that shared their stories spent anywhere from a few hours to life imprisonment behind bars. You'll hear stories from Slash, Shia LaBeouf, Taryn Manning, Danny Trejo, as well as people the authors know. The Recipes - The ingredients vary, but most are made with whatever could be scrounged up from the commissary. Some ingredients might be brought in by family, bribed from a kitchen worker, or grown in The Yard. You might have to save the ingredients over time and cooking is.... interesting. Ramen Tamales - Yes, this is really a thing. Ramen-agra - For getting conjugal ready. Koinonia Ramen - The Stone Soup of Prison Ramen. Basically a group of people throw whatever they have to contribute in a clean garbage bag. From Ramen, to processed meats, to chips or pork rinds, to mayo packets, sriracha, you name it. It all goes in. Then add the hottest tap water you can. Set it aside to "cook" and swell. Open it up and feast together. There are more recipes than you can imagine. There's even "Parole Cheesecake" and "Ding Dong Cake". There are a few recipes that aren't Ramen based, such as Prison Hooch called Pruno. Which is a big deal, but very, very, nasty. Chances are, you won't make most of these recipes, but it might inspire you to create something from almost nothing.

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