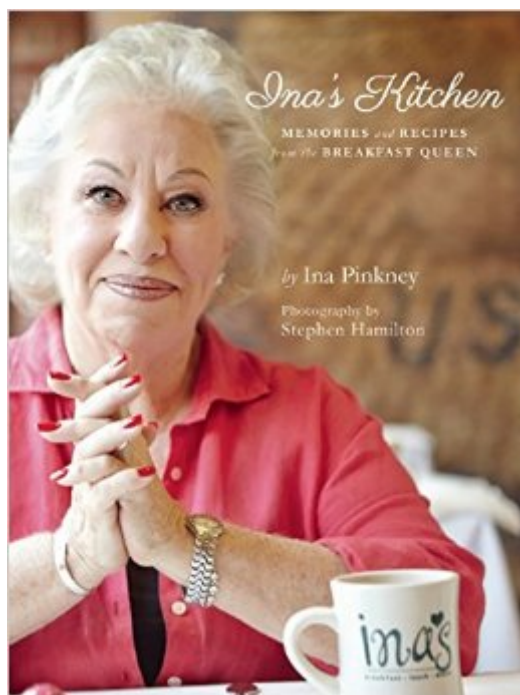


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# Ina's Kitchen: Memories And Recipes From The Breakfast Queen



## Synopsis

Ina Pinkney "the beloved restaurateur known affectionately as the 'Breakfast Queen'" has been feeding Chicago for more than 30 years. When she closed her namesake restaurant's doors in 2013, it headlined news across the Midwest. Now, the favorite dishes that thousands came to love at Ina's are showcased in the first paperback edition of her newly retitled book, *Ina's Kitchen: Taste Memories and Recipes from the Breakfast Queen*. Ina first self-published this book in hardcover in 2014, and it has already sold thousands of copies with minimal bookstore distribution. *Ina's Kitchen* is part cookbook part memoir, collecting 39 of Ina's favorite recipes with stories from her life. From milestone moments and warm memories to the 'truth' about owning a restaurant, readers will gain a deeper understanding of one of Chicago's best-known culinary icons. Ina views her life as a recipe, and the book's chapters reflect that notion. From 'Ingredients' and 'Preparation' to 'Clean Up,' readers will come to understand what inspired and drove Ina's love of food and her culinary success. Recipes include everything from Ina's signature Blobs and Heavenly Hots to Foolproof Pancakes and Baked French Toast. In addition to breakfast favorites, Ina has also included savory dishes and dessert recipes. *Ina's Kitchen* is a love letter to the diners Ina has fed over the years. In it, she shares her wisdom with the same generosity "both of food and of spirit" that kept people coming back to her restaurant for decades.

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## Customer Reviews

Since Ina closed her wonderful restaurant, I've missed her awesome breakfasts (especially the amazing scrapple!), which is why I purchased this book. For the first half of the book Ina writes engagingly about her life and I found myself wishing this part was longer. I whole heartedly recommend this book for the recipes and for Ina's story.

Ina Pinkney shares her story of growing up in Brooklyn, her love for food, and the memories connected with each fabulous recipe. Beautifully written and Illustrated. This is the perfect gift for anyone who understands the true meaning of sharing a meal made with love.

What a refreshing storybook, recipe book, journal combination. A pure delight. A pure treasure for us, especially because we miss Ina's Restaurant, always a wonderful place to take visitors to Chicago. Highly recommend

I saw Ina on a local TV station and was captivated by her spirit, and I had to get her cookbook. It is visually beautiful, but the stories and the recipes are amazing. I have not made one that failed. In fact, the vegetarian scrapple is such a hit that we have it almost every morning. Fantastic cookbook!

Over the course of her career, Ina Pinkney made it her mandate to cater to the most basic & fundamental human need--to be kindly acknowledged and to have ones body & soul well fed. She shares her "formula" via the recipes in this well written book. Buy it, try EVERY recipe and watch the magic that happens for you. Jeri

It isn't often that I read a cookbook cover to cover but I couldn't put this one down. The stories are sometimes funny and sometimes poignant, keep the tissues handy...and the photography is beautiful...I wanted to eat everything. The funny thing is that almost every recipe is pretty simple and it has me thinking that I will be cooking from this book alot. The quality of the book is great: heavy duty, glossy pages that stand up to spills and schmutz. It is a great value. I will be keeping this on my kitchen counter rather than on the bookshelf....I am so impressed that I am ordering another one for my daughter-in-law for the holidays...

Ina's Kitchen is a must read for a number of reasons. The recipes allow us to experience again the food that was served in her restaurant, all wholesome and tasty. The memoir is heartwarming, giving a true picture of one person's triumph over adversity. Imagine having polio at the age of 18

months and then becoming an accomplished business woman, chef, writer. In addition, the book itself is well crafted, with fine pictures, layout, etc. An ideal Xmas gift.

She had me at Gingerbread Pancakes. Served with lemon cream! Now that's a little piece of heaven. No matter which recipe you try, it will taste like home. Poignant nibbles of memoir are mated to certain recipes, speaking volumes about the twin forces of love and resilience that have made Ina who she is. Pure deliciousness.

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