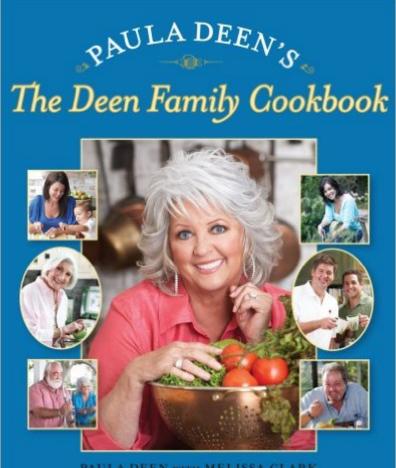
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# Paula Deen's The Deen Family Cookbook



PAULA DEEN WITH MELISSA CLARK



## Synopsis

In Paula Deen's The Deen Family Cookbook, Paula and the Deens, Hiers, Groovers, and Orts share their recipes and memories.â œMany of the bonds my family has were forged over the dinner table and through the sharing of recipes. Cooking is the way we express our love for one another....I feel so lucky and blessed by the strong support and wonderful memoriesâ "and the incredible recipesâ "that my family has brought me. They are the heart and soul of this book.â • â "from the Introduction Nothing is more important to Paula Deen than her family, and nothing makes that big family happier than sitting down to a meal together. Paula's beloved Aunt Peggy makes an Old-Fashioned Meat Loaf that's as good in sandwiches the next day as it is for dinner. Baby brother Bubba Hiers brings his Beer and Onion Biscuits to the table, and his daughter, Corrie, makes a simple but luscious Lemony, Buttery Baked Fish that's perfect for a weeknight dinner. (Her Carrot-Pecan Cupcakes with Cream Cheese Frosting are pretty tasty, too!) Son Jamie makes Huevos Rancheros, perfect for brunch, or try Bobby's Whole Wheat and Honey Pancakes. Husband Michael Groover knows his way around a grill: try his Company's Coming Grilled Steak and Veggie Supper for easy entertaining, and finish the evening with his Irish Coffee. Of course, there was no way The Lady herself was going to let her relatives have all the fun: Paula is, after all, Paula. She shares her recipe for the Ham and Chutney Biscuit Fingers she puts on the table at every family party as well as the Eggplant and Sausage Lasagna that went a long way toward getting the boys to eat their vegetables. And while there's plenty of butter, bacon, and mayonnaise in these pages, you'll find some of the lighter recipes that Paula enjoys, too: Seared Scallops with Pineapple-Cucumber Salsa is her first choice for a healthful but romantic supper with Michael, and Oven-Fried Chicken Breasts with Honey-Yogurt Drizzle lets Paula indulge in her favorite foods without guilt and with room for dessert. With more than 140 recipes and dozens of beautiful color photographs, there's something here for everyone. So invite over all those aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, and treat them to some home cooking, Deen family style.

# **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Omygosh...a cookbook that's a good read. What a concept. Paula makes cooking fun and just a little naughty...I mean...real butter, bacon, sugar and just the right amount of sauce. Thank goodness there are still cooks who create real food. Lots of great recipes...if I had to pick a favorite I guess it would be Michael's sinful twice baked potato...it's a meal unto itself. With the fabulous photography and easy instructions you can't miss...and believe me, I am no cook...but I can wow my guests with these recipes.

I had become tired of buying cookbooks sight unseen, and then being disappointed by the recipes once the book arrived. This had become especially true of some the the "celebrity" chef books of late. So, I decided to check this book out of my local library first and what a pleasant surprise I found. This is a GREAT cookbook with a nice variety of recipes provided not just by Paula and her sons, but also her extended family. And each recipe is accompanied by a story about the person or the recipe and it was a really great read on top of adding some superb recipes to my collection. The recipes are easy to follow and make, and there aren't too many obscure ingredients that you would have to go in search of, and many are made with staples that you probably keep on hand. It covers everything from appetizers to desserts, and I can not wait to make the coconut bread pudding. YUM! I am so pleased with the cookbook, I plan on buying my own copy. You will thoroughly enjoy the book!Update: I have made two recipes from this book and they were great. The first one was Jamie's Mexican Chicken and Tortilla Casserole. My eight year old son loved it--said it was a "keeper" and I should definitely make it again. The other was Corrie's Christmas Granola Waffles with Buttered Pecan Syrup. We did not use the granola--however, we did make the waffles and they are out of this world. I have made homemade buttermilk pancakes once a week for the past 8 years as either a Saturday or Sunday morning breakfast for my family, and this recipe has replaced that ritual. Both of my kids LOVE them, and they ask for them whenever I am taking breakfast requests. You will not be disappointed!

Like many others, I am showing my support for Paula Deen by purchasing one of her many cookbooks. No one is perfect, we have all said and done things that were regretful. Perhaps we should consider changing some of the men whose faces grace our American currency. Weren't some of them slave owners? Times change, people change and hopefully we grow and learn from our mistakes. Stay strong Paula, all storms pass eventually.

I love love loved this book! It was so much fun reading all the little family stories that go along with the recipes - Paula's family is just as hilarious as she is (no surprise there, I guess)! The recipes all seem pretty easy to make and they're so creative. My #1 favorite is Aunt Peggy's meatloaf (no boring old meatloaf here!), and I can't wait to try all of the sweets recipes. Her cousin's recipe for whoopee pies looks amazing. And it's even got a healthy family recipe chapter - who would have thought? Looks delicious!

I just purchased this cookbook and a cute rooster napkin holder in support of Paula Deen. I think it is terrible what the media and all of the companies that are dropping her are doing to her. I have never even seen her show and I only cook because I have to eat but I ordered the cookbook anyway. Maybe I will give it to someone for a wedding present. If I were held accountable for every bad word I said 27 years ago I would be in big trouble! I hear young people use the N word all time, why is it only OK for some people to use it? Double standards I guess. I wanted to order her new book that is coming out but Bantam Publishers dropped her like a hot potatoe, maybe we should not buy any books from that publisher! A BIG Thank You to for keeping her products available!!!!!!!

I am using the power of my pocketbook to show my support for Paula, directly related to the savage destruction of her life and career for something that happened a long time ago. The vicious and gleeful manner in which the media relentlessly sought to destroy the lovely Paula has truly turned my stomach. I ordered 2 of Paula's books yesterday, along with her son Bobby's cookbook, and when I heard this morning that more sponsors were dropping her, I came back and bought 2 more, including a pre-order for her new one. THEN, I find out tonight that her publisher has also thrown her under the bus, and we won't be able to enjoy Paula's new book, which made me so FURIOUS that I just bought yet another of her gorgeous books...a book about Paula's southern style!!!! As so many others have stated, I did not need another cookbook at all, but I will continue to buy them and give them as gifts, as a show of solidarity to Paula and her family. I have always loved her show and

I will miss her, but I am so angry at the Food Network that I will never watch them again....and I am so disappointed in them for not defending such a sweet lady, who made vast amounts of money for them. I am also disgusted by all of the big box stores piling on Paula, all the while selling rapper's CD's with the dreaded N word used repeatedly....such utter hypocrisy! Thank-you for continuing to sell Paula's books..hold your head high Paula!!

Everyone makes mistakes - and anyone who has watched your shows or read your books knows that you are a sweetheart of a lady! Hang in there - this storm will pass and you will come out on top. Look at Martha Stewart, she made real mistakes and even served time in prison and look at her now - everyone seems to have completely forgotten she ever did anything wrong. I purchased your Southern Cooking Bible as well as The Deen Family Cookbook today - I love your recipes and will be missing you on Food Network - but will be looking forward to the day when this all blows over and you are back on TV - it's really just a matter of time.

I bought several of Paula Deen's books to show support of this wonderful woman. Paula,.. Please take comfort in knowing your fans are 100% behind you, as well as over 80% of the public.

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