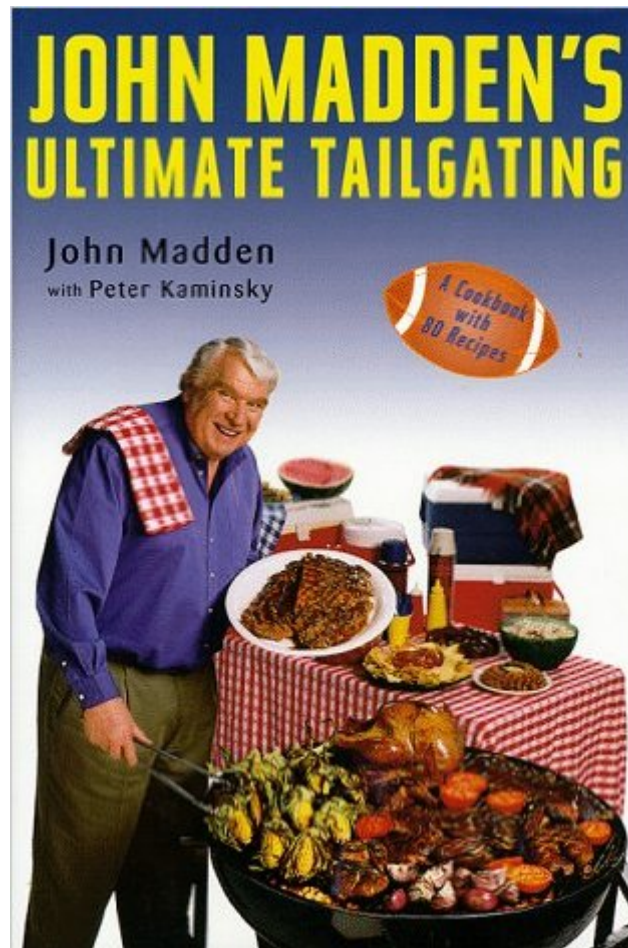


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# John Madden's Ultimate Tailgating



## Synopsis

Sports announcer John Madden has put together over 80 terrific recipes that are perfect for tailgating. Whether it's a college event or an NFL game of the week, you'll find the recipes plus complete information on the ballpark where you plan to dine!

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## Customer Reviews

John Madden has done a great job of collecting some great recipes from around NFL stadiums where tailgating has become an art and a tradition. His no nonsense, just tell it like it is, book gives great recipes with entertaining sidelights about people who tailgate and love to grill. Reading through the recipes is also helpful for the beginner as tips abound from John and others who helped make the book possible. This is a book for people who love to cook outside, and love to cook beef and pork. Good chicken recipes and soups also. It may not be the best recipe book for vegetarians and side salad nuts, but for most meat eating people, it's the greatest! Whether you listen to John as an announcer of football games or not, you'll appreciate his good advice and candor on FOOD.

While many of the recipes are for large groups, the basic ingredients are here, including humor and barbecue tips for both novice and top gun. The review of other stadium and facilities for those who want to travel with their team let you know what to expect in Seattle or Dallas, for instance, and to me, that is worth the price of the book alone. Last year I gave the book to many of my male and female friends as a Christmas gift.

Mr. Madden sure knows how to select great foods for this book. I have great respect for his ability to eat. This is a very user-friendly cookbook, & I have successfully tried several recipes, they are fantastic. He may be a loudmouth, but he knows how to feed that big belly! :-)

Jeff Steadman

John Madden-I salute you! I grew up listening and watching you coach and provide excellent commentary on NFL games throughout my life! I always wanted a cookbook that dealt with those wonderful tailgates that you displayed on your TV shows, but never got a chance to give recipes! Thanks for "filling in the BLANKS"!!! You are a great man and I love this cookbook!

Ed Saunders Jr.  
Nashville, TN

Typical Jon Madden. Big grills, big meats, and big dishes are what this book is all about. The roughly 100 recipes come from authentic and experienced tailgaters that have brought vigorous American life to the lots and for years, including the big man himself. The original chefs all have a bio and a their recipes a story.

This book is pretty good, but much more useful as cultural anthropology rather than a cookbook. It is a collection of recipes from dedicated NFL fans from across the nation (so, there is no rhyme or reason for the wildly disparate selection of recipes, other than the author likes them). While most of us do not tailgate on Sundays during NFL season, it is nonetheless a useful collection of recipes to feed a crowd. I really like this collection of recipes, crowd pleasers that anyone can do. There are many recipes you will want to do. Most are of the simple mix 'n dump variety (Smoked Prime Rib takes several hours and planning, Terducken is best left to the butcher, Deep Fried Turkey should only be tried if you are a fireman, and Pork To Taste Like Wild Boar is clever but requires several days of marinating). More importantly, it is a mini-autobiography of Mr. Football himself. It is a record of a person, a time, and a place. This volume is chockfull of personal reminiscences. If you like football, you gotta have this book, even if you do not do a single recipe from it. The recipes themselves remind me of those many "junior league" cookbooks that were popular a couple of decades ago: traditional, family fare. This is a good thing, since most of the recipes are not difficult to do. Many recipes require either a smoker and a grill; however, the book simply assumes you already are proficient with their use, as no help is provided for their use. There are icons that tell you which requires a smoker or grill, but many others can be done in a pot or pan, either on your kitchen stove or an outdoor cooker, and these do not have an icon in the text.

Fantastic, diverse recipes accented by anecdotes about their origins. Also, great info for tailgating at the different stadiums throughout the league.

I tailgate a lot and I have really enjoyed this cookbook. I've already used problem ten recipes that's in it.

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