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More From Macrina: New Favorites From Seattle's Popular Neighborhood Bakery



Synopsis

Leslie Mackie opened Macrina Bakery & Café in Seattle in 1993 after working with Lydia Shire & Susan Regis in Boston and as head baker at Seattle's Grand Central Bakery. She was among the first wave of Americans experimenting with recipes from European master bakers and a long, slow fermentation process. Mackie rediscovered the craft's traditional, almost spiritual importance. "In France, bakers are revered because bread is such a central part of the family and the community," she explains. This new book has more of Mackie's irresistible, artisanal breads, including flatbreads and an emphasis on traditional Italian breads. The reader will also find cakes, cookies, pies, and other sweets and savories that devoted customers love. Mackie is deeply rooted in the Puget Sound community and treasures the relationships she has with customers, employees, and producers. Stories of some of her favorite people are sprinkled throughout the book.

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Customer Reviews

“Leslie Mackie is the goddess of bakers in Seattle.”—Tom Douglas
“Macrina’s book has a slightly more European feel—just like the SoDo bakery on a rainy weekend—with many recipes based on their brioche dough. There are striking variations on yeast breads—herb baguette, pretzel knots, schiacciata, and a lovely no-knead loaf, and more elaborate cakes with layers of lemon curd and raspberry filling.”
—Edible Seattle
More than a follow-up to the original Macrina cookbook, this inspiring hardcover features recipes for the artisan loaves, rich brioches, and enticing pastries that have been added to the bakery shelves in the years since

the first cookbook was published, as well as profiles of the people, providers, and philosophies that make Macrina so beloved in Seattle. There are also savories like breakfast hash and BLTs."The Seattle Times"Established in 1993, Macrina has legions of Seattle fans. The founder's newest cookbook reflects the bakery's blend of baked goods and savory foods, with recipes such as flatbreads, traditional Italian breads, herb baguettes and tempting sweets, including cookies, muffins and coffee cakes."Seattle "The irresistible aromas of fresh-baked bread, tarts and pies might soon waft through more Island kitchens than usual • now that one of Seattle's celebrated pastry chefs has issued her second cookbook."Vashon-Maury Island Beachcomber"It seemed high time for a sequel, and I think it's a great one. The book covers not just simple cookies and cakes, but many of the artisanal breads that Macrina is famous for, like their baguettes, pugliese, and flatbread. I also like that there are chapters dedicated to some cafe dishes Macrina serves, such as their BLT or their savory bread pudding... I like that many of the chapters feature a master recipe (like brioche) and then have several recipes showing how to use the dough I love baking books that show how different pastries are related. The design is quite elegant and clean Sasquatch did a beautiful job with this book."Dessert First

Leslie Mackie picked up her kitchen skills at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco, and she honed her craft working with acclaimed chefs Lydia Shire and Jasper White in Boston. She caught the bread fever while working in Los Angeles in 1987, when artisan bread was just emerging from wood-burning ovens in popular restaurants. In 1993 she opened Macrina Bakery & Cafe, which has been written up in Sunset and Pacific magazines, Bon Appetit, The LA Times, The New York Times, The Seattle Times, Seattle Weekly, and Seattle magazine. Leslie's recipes reach beyond Seattle, from her appearances on Julia Child's Baking with Julia television series to an Outstanding Contributor Award from the James Beard Foundation. Leslie has also received nominations for the Outstanding Pastry Chef Award from the James Beard Foundation.

More from Macrina is just that - so much more than a typical cookbook! Here in a easy to read format (ingredients & instructions side by side on the page) and with beautiful photos of the recipes themselves, is owner/author Leslie Mackie's sharing of professional baking tips, travel inspirations & resources for the home baker. While the book contains wonderful recipes (be sure to try the Semolina Sesame Cookies), it shares the pro techniques that upgrade your home baking, such as the "Toasting Tips" on page 7. Helpful, too, are the sections on "Kitchen Must-Haves" & "Kitchen

Nice-To-Haves" to prioritize items which make baking easier. If you've visited the bakeries here in Seattle, this book also allows you to learn about their business vision & growth: local partners, businesses & employees who all work as a team to create the Macrina magic. While I've only been able to try a couple recipes so far, the tips I've learned really make a difference in creating the recipes I routinely bake. I'd also recommend it as a gift to bring the local bakery treats home for your favorite baker's kitchen.

Lots of delightful recipes. I've tried a few recipes and they did not disappoint...I'm working my way through this book and finding it to be worth the purchase. Well written and well tested recipes are always appreciated...I can see why Macrina is a popular neighborhood spot.

This was a gift for my brother in law -- he loved it.

Just what I was looking for.

great read and inspiratonal for the home baker, very special usable content. Beautiful to look at and great to read.

I bought this book because I enjoyed the first one. Did not expect it to be so gluten free, etc

If you visit Seattle, Macrina (a short bus ride from downtown) should be on your list of must sees. This bakery is the real deal - I've never purchased anything that was less than outstanding. It's a real treat to have some of Leslie Mackie's recipes now that I live in eastern Montana. I also receive rave reviews. Thank you Ms. Mackie!

The recipes are easy to follow and we have recreated some west coast goodness reminiscent of our Seattle trip right here on the east coast. I loved this bakery while on vacation and until our next Seattle visit we can indulge a bit from home. Macrina is a west coast gem!

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