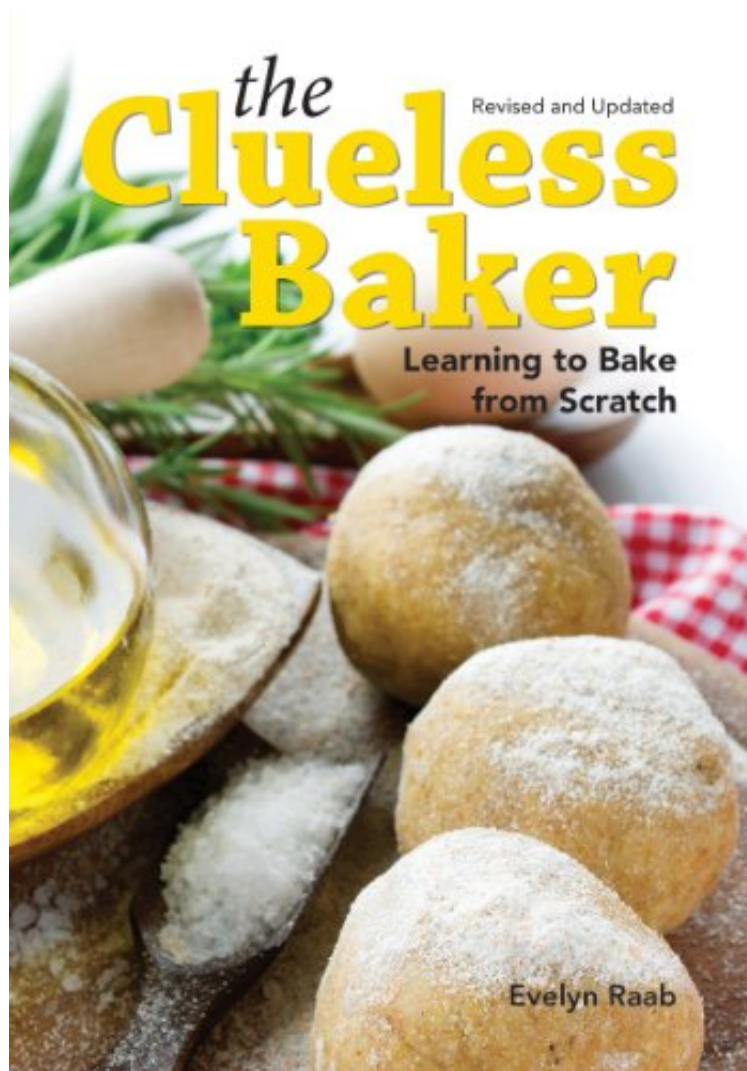


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The new and improved Clueless Baker will show beginners how easy it really is to bake from scratch! This down-to-earth guide reveals the secrets to baking successfully and makes it fun at the same time. The Clueless Baker contains more than 100 foolproof recipes along with all the need-to-know baking basics at your fingertips. You'll feel like a pro in no time. You'll be creating scrumptious desserts, delicious breads and yummy cookies and treats that you'll be proud to serve to your family and friends. No stress! No sweat! Revised and updated, it includes: More gluten-free recipes, as well as suggestions on how to convert conventional recipes to be gluten-free More recipes using whole grain flour and recommendations on using whole grain flour in place of white flour Clear and consistent ingredient lists Updated with some cool new recipes, including Red Velvet Cake, Key Lime Pie and a goofy 3-minute microwave chocolate cake that you bake in a coffee mug. The Clueless Baker still includes the following invaluable features: Baking: The Eleven-Step Program, The Essential Clueless Baking Cupboard and The Baking Glossary.

[ of previous edition:] This is a very good book for beginning bakers, with clear, easy-to-follow recipes, but it is the tips and asides that elevate it to valuable. (Saimi Bergmann Repository 2002-01-23)[ of previous edition:] This delightful primer on baking ... encourages novices and entertains experienced bakers with a remarkably thorough treatment on home baking ... Its anybody-can-do-it approach is well suited to student who enjoy independent forays into their parents' kitchens. (Christopher Finer VOYA [Voice of Youth Advocates] 2002-04-01)With a healthy mix of humour, practical tips and straightforward recipes...Raab guides novice bakers through the Eleven-Step Program to success. (Karen Turner Ottawa Citizen 2013-12-13)With decent recipes, a good attitude and a plan, Evelyn Raab thinks novice bakers can turn out delicious treats and have fun doing it. In *The Clueless Baker: Learning to Bake from Scratch*, Raab reveals the secrets she says will lead to scrumptious cakes, cookies and breads with a dash of humour. (Her) step-by-step advice provides neophytes with enough knowledge and comfort to bake like a pro. (Lois Abraham Charlottetown Guardian 2014-04-23)About the Author Evelyn Raab is the author of the wildly successful *Clueless in the Kitchen*. Her popular *Cooking with Kids* column has appeared in *Today's Parent* magazine. She attributes her culinary expertise to her sons. Excerpt. copy; Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Getting Started The oven looms before you. A darkened abyss. The gates of hell. You know -- you just know -- that whatever you put in there is doomed. Doomed and ruined. It will burn. Or collapse. Probably both. Plus, your house will burn down. Which is just as well, because after the mess you made of the kitchen it would take ten lifetimes to clean it up, anyway. There is flour on the floor. Batter on the walls. Broken eggs in the sink (it was an accident). You're missing a spatula (you pray it didn't get baked into the cake). The phone is ringing, but you can't find it. Okay. Take a deep breath and relax. Help has arrived. What you need are some decent recipes, a good attitude and a plan. Baking can be -- should be -- fun. Also easy. It should be neither traumatic nor terrifying. And at the end of it, you should have something delicious to eat. Which is, after all, the point of the whole thing. Let's begin with the plan.