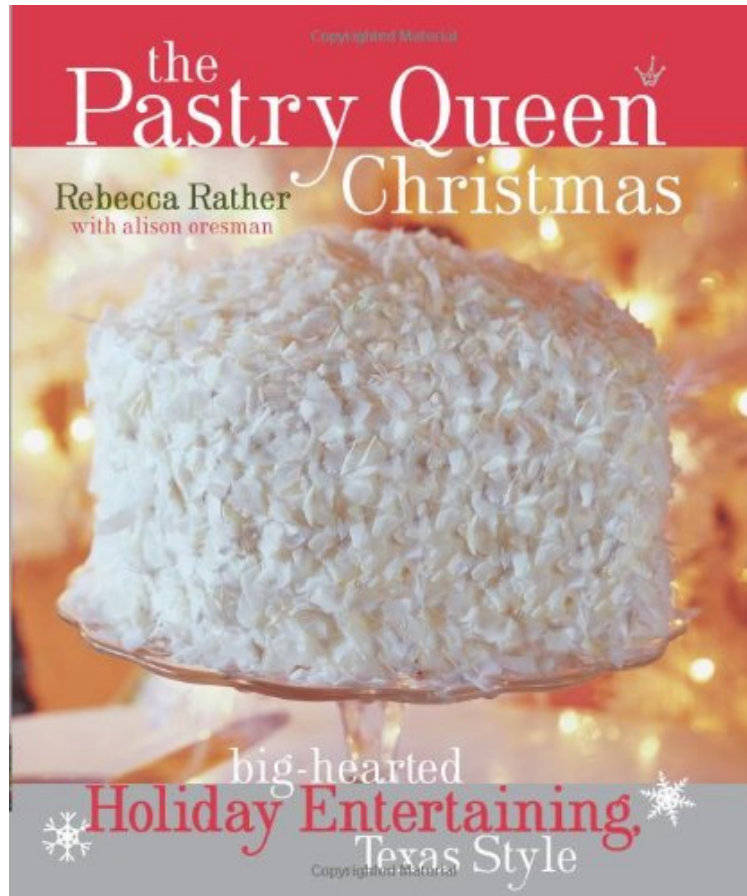


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Rebecca Rather, Alison Oresman : The Pastry Queen Christmas: Big-hearted Holiday Entertaining, Texas Style before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Pastry Queen Christmas: Big-hearted Holiday Entertaining, Texas Style:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. AMAZING!By nancysCan't say enough good things about Rebecca Rather...EVERY SINGLE recipe of hers that I have tried (from ALL of her cookbooks) a winner hands-down. These are the recipes you will use again again, that friends will ask you for copies again again! She doesn't know it but she saved my life several times when I took over my son's cafe in Springfield when he was ill. From her cakes, to the cookies (love those pink pigs), bunches of biscotti, to the ultimate pot pies Tuxedo cake...I owe her.Don't hesitate...buy ALL of her books and use them give them to your favorite people.1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Delicious Christmas Season ResourceBy rodboomboomI like this "rather" unique Christmas resource because: it has excellent recipes which are organized by the varying holiday events (Eve, Day, open house, brunch, tree trimming, NY) and it has wide variety of recipes for appetizer, salad, soup, desserts, etc. and not least, it features great color

photos with fun-to-read text and it has some great shots of a Great Pyrenees named Beau (I'm a former owner of 2 and love this Gentle Giant breed) Rather won me over in her first cookbook as being a passionate baker who ventured out into other foods in her biz and offered some in this first offering. She and her community have a great time at the Christmas Holidays and so she shares some of her favorites as well as some that others offered her, as well as some other's she invited to contribute, such as LBJ's former chef. The excitement and passion she has (even as a busy chef) for these Holidays exhibits themselves in this fine array of recipes, illustrated by these examples: Warm Pear Ginger Upside Down Cake with Amaretto Whipped Cream; Creamy Chicken Lasagna; Wild Mushroom and Goat Cheese Quesadillas with Cranberry-Pecan Salsa; Glazed Chocolate Pave; Chocolate Cookie Crusted Eggnog Cheesecake; Texas Spice Rubbed Roast Pork. These are not overfully difficult recipes with either ingredients or techniques, but will certainly test the uninitiated baker or cook. They definitely are delicious and creative and will bring smiles as gifts and servings at this festive time of the year. Maybe she will do her third on Easter? 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Janice S. Some great and interesting recipes here!

It's Christmastime at the Best Little Bakery in Texas The annual Fredericksburg Christmas parade marks the beginning of the Texas Hill Country's holiday season, which means the Pastry Queen is kicking into high gear at her Rather Sweet Bakery and Café. As party invitations pile up in the mailbox, Rebecca Rather is up to her elbows in sticky meringue, creamy chocolate, and a sleigh full of savory treats to meet the entertaining needs of her neighbors. In The Pastry Queen Christmas, Rebecca shares nearly 100 traditional recipes reflecting her made-with-love-from-scratch philosophy and the tastes of small-town Texas. Show-off desserts such as Chocolate Cookie Crusted Eggnog Cheesecake, Sticky Toffee Pudding with Brandy Butterscotch Sauce, and Warm Pear Ginger Upside-Down Cake with Amaretto Whipped Cream are the perfect toppers to a family-style feast of Texas Spice-Rubbed Roast Pork, Baked Apple Pear Chutney, Brown Sugar Bacon, and No-Peeking Popovers. Still hungry the next morning? No problem-this country girl does an impressive breakfast, too: Bite-Sized Sticky Buns, Sweet Potato Scones, Cast-Iron Skillet Potatoes, and Mexican Ranch Chilaquiles ought to fill you up. And if you're still looking for excuses to entertain this season, you'll find ooey-goey baked goods wrapped up as gifts, homemade craft and décor ideas to make your home sparkle, and holiday-worthy menus guaranteed to make your gathering a Texas-sized success. Tree-trimming, cookie decorating, and Santas running down Main Street . . . Christmastime is here.

From Publishers Weekly Starred . Though Rather's known as the Pastry Queen, the author and baker-owner of the Rather Sweet Bakery and Café in Fredericksburg, Tex., covers a lot more than baked goods in this comprehensive collection of holiday recipes from her native state. Organized by event (holiday open house, brunch, Christmas Eve, etc.), Rather offers an array of ideas sure to keep table legs groaning and belts loosening. Red velvet cupcakes get a jolt of sour sweetness from mascarpone cream cheese icing, and a delicious Wild Mushroom and Goat Cheese Quesadilla is topped with a colorful pecan and cranberry salsa laced with orange zest, balsamic vinegar, Dijon mustard and jalapeno. Decadent Creamy Chicken Lasagna, Oysters Rockefeller Soup and Chocolate Cookie-Crusted Eggnog Cheesecake each guarantee a memorable event, and Rather's Texas roots shine through in a duo of holiday martinis featuring prickly pear syrup, tamales with a tomatillo sauce and a corn bread dressing (Mother's Best) so loaded with flavor that diners will forget any other kind exists. Helpful advice on advance preparations and clever variations abound; rounded out with packaging ideas for edible gifts and complete instructions on baking, assembling and decorating a gingerbread house (complete with templates), this is sure to become a holiday favorite. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Winner of 2008 IACP Cookbook Award: American category "[This] adds up to big fun in the kitchen. Rather neatly balances unpretentious style with some adventurous flavor combinations . . . Let your sweet tooth be your guide." -Baltimore Sun "The Pastry Queen Christmas is such a calling card for Fredericksburg that it ought to be required material for the town's real estate agents. Ms. Rather's stories about the residents are so engaging, the photography is so luscious, you'll feel you know the town when you're done. But the recipes, straightforward and accessible, are the reason to buy . . . Ms. Rather has updated and elevated classics just enough to be enticing but not unreachable." -Dallas Morning News "This feel-good cookbook is full of irresistible menus and recipes to help you build family traditions and make you the most talked-about party thrower in your circle. Rebecca Rather shows you how to do Christmas proud." -Gale Gand, author of Chocolate and Vanilla "Rebecca Rather is not my daughter, but with amazing food like this, we'd claim her as our own any day!" -Dan Rather, former anchor of the CBS Evening News "Rather Sweet Bakery is one of the most enchanted places in the Texas Hill Country; every confection oozes Rebecca Rather's love of excess. It makes sense that in her glorious second book Rebecca would apply her characteristic warmth and Texas-style flair to the holidays." -Paula Disbrowe, author of Cowgirl Cuisine "Rebecca Rather loves to bake and cook, and she does so, and writes about it, superbly. THE PASTRY QUEEN CHRISTMAS is a classic of great food, spectacular sweets, and truly heartfelt reminiscences of family and friends, all served up with a big dose of Texas holiday spirit." -Nick Malgieri, author of How to Bake and A Baker's Tour From the Publisher *? The sequel to THE PASTRY QUEEN, featuring 95 sweet and savory recipes from the Rather Sweet Bakery and Café, plus entertaining ideas inspired by the holiday traditions of small-town America. *?

Includes more than 100 full-color food and location photographs shot in Rebecca's hometown of Fredericksburg, Texas. *?Chapters are organized by occasion: Holiday Open House, Ranch Barn Brunch, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve. *?Features entertaining and craft ideas for hosting tree- trimming parties, building gingerbread houses, decorating Christmas cookies, and making edible holiday gifts. *?Rather Sweet Bakery and Café was named one of the top ten pastry shops in the country by Nick Malgieri, author and director of the baking program at the Institute of Culinary Education in New York.