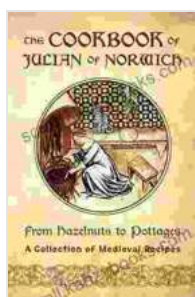


From Hazelnuts to Pottages: A Culinary Journey Through the Middle Ages

Embark on a captivating culinary adventure with "From Hazelnuts to Pottages," a comprehensive and engaging collection of authentic medieval recipes that will transport you back to the vibrant dining halls and kitchens of the Middle Ages.



The Cookbook of Julian of Norwich: From Hazelnuts to Pottages (A Collection of Medieval Recipes) by Ellyn Sanna

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This meticulously researched and beautifully illustrated book offers a tantalizing glimpse into the foodways of a bygone era. Drawing from original manuscripts, medieval cookbooks, and archaeological findings, "From Hazelnuts to Pottages" presents a diverse range of recipes that showcase the culinary ingenuity and cultural influences that shaped medieval cuisine.

A Culinary Tapestry

Medieval cuisine was a rich tapestry of flavors, textures, and aromas. From the humble hazelnut, a staple in medieval pantries, to elaborate pottages brimming with hearty ingredients, the recipes in this book capture the essence of medieval gastronomy.

Step back in time and savor the subtle sweetness of a "Medieval Frumenty," a porridge made from hulled wheat and honey. Indulge in the savory aromas of a "Potage of Flesh," a comforting stew of meat, vegetables, and herbs. Or tantalize your taste buds with a sweet "Marzipan of Almonds," a delectable confection made from finely ground almonds and sugar.

Beyond the Basics

"From Hazelnuts to Pottages" goes beyond a mere compilation of recipes. It delves into the historical and cultural context that shaped medieval cuisine, providing insights into the lifestyles, traditions, and beliefs of the people who created and enjoyed these dishes.

Learn about the role of herbs and spices in medieval medicine and cooking. Discover the significance of feasts and fasting in medieval society. Explore the influence of trade and travel on the availability and diversity of ingredients.

A Culinary Legacy

The recipes in "From Hazelnuts to Pottages" are not just culinary relics of the past. They offer a unique window into the human experience, connecting us to our ancestors through the shared act of preparing and sharing food.

Whether you are a seasoned cook, a history enthusiast, or simply curious about the flavors of the Middle Ages, this book will ignite your imagination and inspire you to recreate these culinary treasures in your own kitchen.

Sample Recipes

To whet your appetite, here are two tantalizing recipes from "From Hazelnuts to Pottages":

Medieval Frumenty



Ingredients:

- 1 cup hulled wheat
- 3 cups water
- 1/4 cup honey

- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- Pinch of salt

Instructions:

1. In a heavy-bottomed pot, combine the wheat, water, honey, cinnamon, and salt.
2. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 1-2 hours, or until the wheat is tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed.
3. Serve warm with additional honey, if desired.

Potage of Flesh



Ingredients:

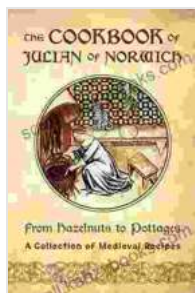
- 1 pound beef or lamb, cut into cubes
- 1 onion, chopped
- 2 carrots, chopped
- 2 celery stalks, chopped
- 4 cups beef or lamb broth
- 1 cup red wine (optional)
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- Salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

1. In a large pot, brown the meat over medium heat. Remove the meat from the pot and set aside.
2. Add the onion, carrots, and celery to the pot and cook until softened.
3. Add the beef broth and red wine (if using). Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 1 hour.
4. Return the meat to the pot and cook for an additional 30 minutes, or until the meat is tender.
5. Season with parsley, salt, and pepper to taste.
6. Serve hot with crusty bread or dumplings.

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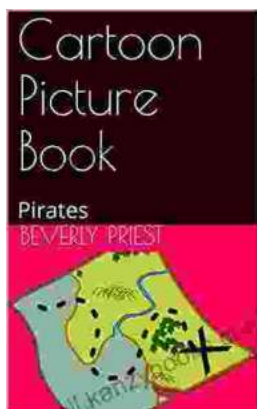
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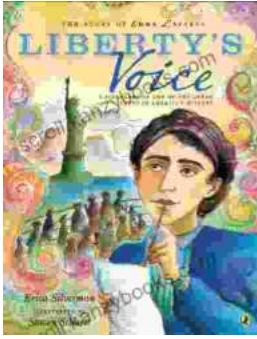
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