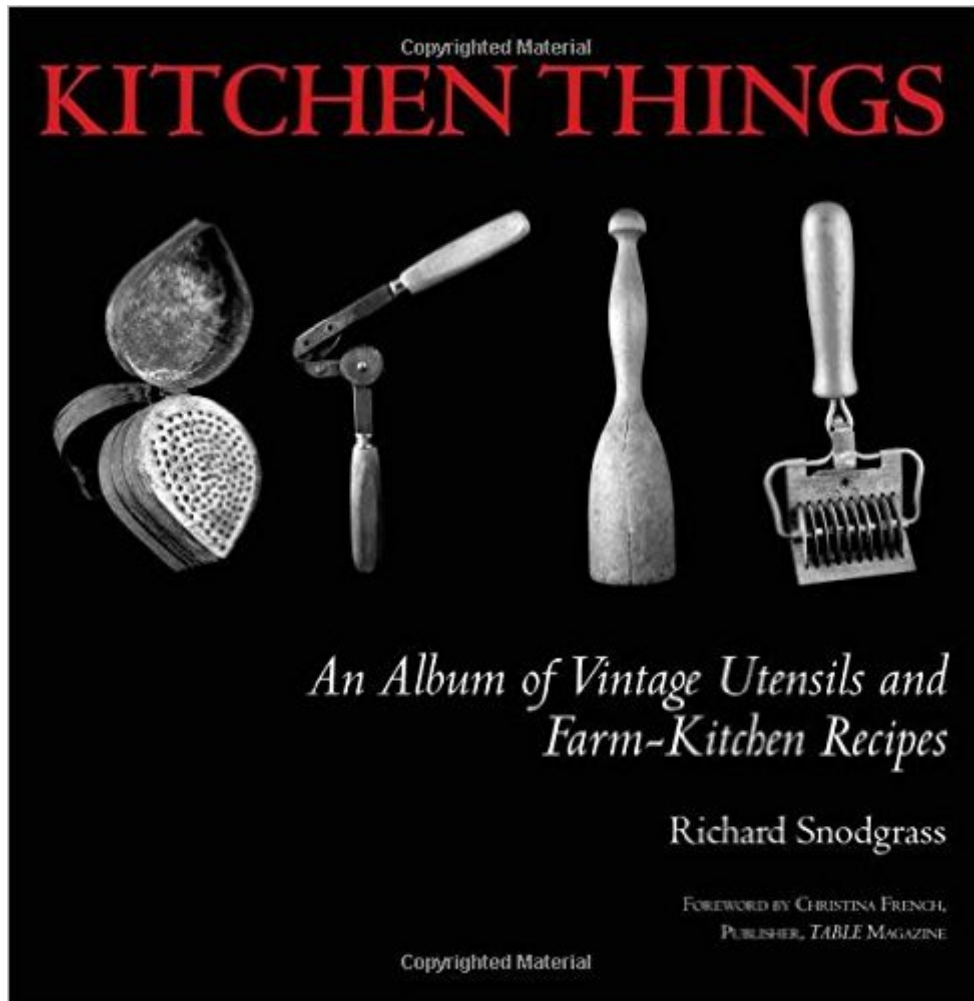


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# Kitchen Things: An Album Of Vintage Utensils And Farm-Kitchen Recipes



## Synopsis

Many home cooks and professionals, as well as swear by the tried-and-true implements they've used for years: the Foley Food Mill that works like a charm every time; the manually operated juicer that's a tradition of family breakfasts; the cast iron skillet that's been handed down through the generations. For serious cooks, there's nothing like a familiar implement, a thing that works exactly as you expect it to. Similarly, most people usually have a library of favorite recipes on which they rely: some passed along from relatives and friends, others from mentors and teachers. These are the recipes cooks return to time and time again, in part because they evoke memories of the people who have enjoyed them and prepared them in the past. *Kitchen Things*, by master photographer and respected novelist Richard Snodgrass, celebrates these well-loved objects and recipes and showcases them in an unexpected way—a way that touches upon the science of food, the physics of cooking, the sensory pleasures of eating, and indeed the very nature of life itself. In his reflections, the author is aided by his patient, persistent, and very perceptive wife, Marty, and her mother, from whose Western Pennsylvania farmhouse kitchens the objects and recipes were sourced. The gentle, often humorous repartee between the author and these wise and knowing women forms a running narrative throughout the book.

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Perhaps, if the reader is of the generation who was born in the 60s or after, this book might, indeed, appear to show 'old' and 'vintage' kitchen tools. Anyone older will likely not find much of interest, in

my opinion. I expected much, much more, in the way that Cook's Illustrated magazine shows an old, unidentified kitchen tool in each issue and explains its purpose. Nothing curious or interesting in this book's photos. I learned not one thing that I didn't already know, and saw nothing that I had not used or at least had seen in my mother's and grandmother's kitchens. Not only do the captions not always convey the tool's purpose, the stories about the family member are not written in such a way as to be amusing or inclusive, to draw in the reader. Sometimes, I just scratched my head and asked, "What?!" The recipes offer a lot of laughs, all from the 60s and 70s. Again, 'vintage'? 'Old'? I think not! Both unhealthy and so very common, nothing unusual here, nothing from the 20s, 30s, 40s that would speak of another era. Unfortunately, I bought two of these books and apologized after one friend opened it and we looked through it together. I suggested she donate it. The other copy will be donated as I will not give it to the intended recipient. What a disappointment! And, a huge waste of \$\$.

This book is beautiful and I enjoyed looking at the pictures. My complaint is that it seems like a starter book. I was hoping to see some kitchen things that were more obscure. There were only three items I do not currently use on a regular basis. I hope that there is another book coming out with items that are more interesting. This struck me as a beautiful book full of pictures from the author's mother's kitchen- not a lot of research here. Please do another book with more vintage items- go the extra mile next time!

I was so embarrassed when my Mom opened up the book at Christmas...the binding was upside down! I bought two of these books at the same time and never thought to inspect whether the binding was correct. The one was fine and the second one wasn't. The book itself is great, though. Lots of cool, old-time gadgets and the history of them. The recipes brought back lots of memories for my Mom, too.

Upon reading Kitchen Things: An Album of Vintage Utensils and Farm Kitchen Recipes The photographs were beautiful and caused me to look at some of the ancient and battered utensils in my kitchen drawers with kinder eyes and greater appreciation. The accompanying stories were delightful and reminded me of members of my family that were from a simpler time, but now are gone. The experience was sweetly nostalgic and brought back dear and forgotten memories. I thought the pictures were lovely. How pleasant to be shown the intrinsic beauty of such old and familiar items from my childhood. The accompanying stories were delightful and charming.

This book is substantial as well as beautiful. I bought one for myself and several copies as gifts for friends. It looks great in my kitchen or coffee table. Each story included is fun to read and really evokes memories of what my own grandmother had in her kitchen.

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