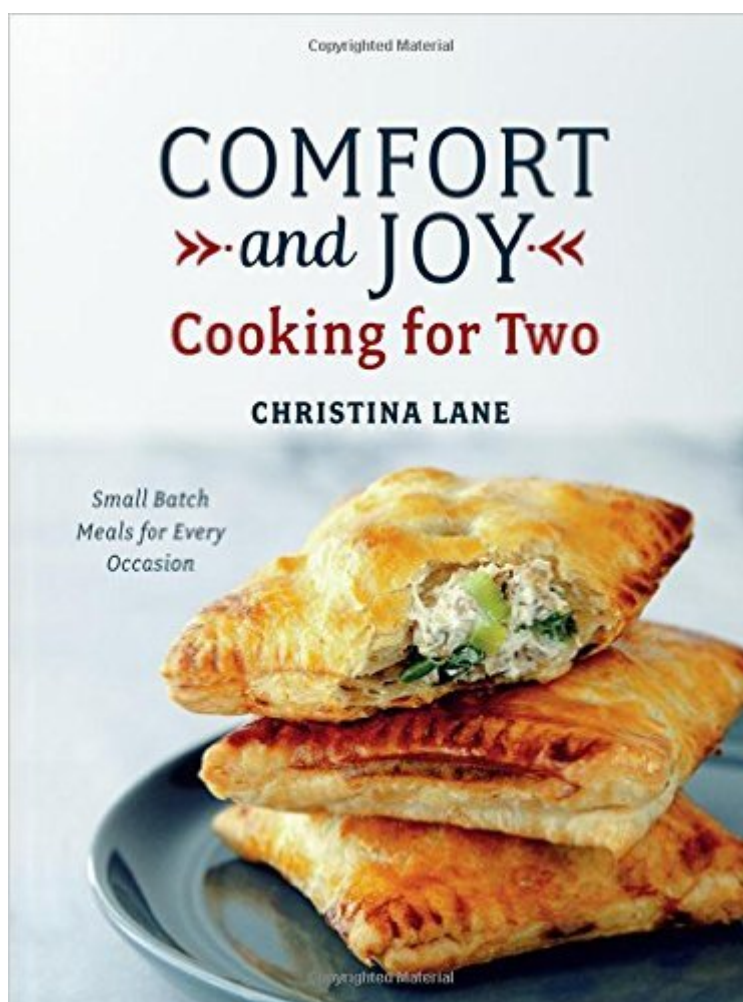


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Comfort And Joy: Cooking For Two



Synopsis

More desserts for two • plus brunch, lunch and dinner • easily adjusted should unexpected guests drop by! Just off the success of *Dessert for Two*, author Christina Lane is back with a gorgeous full-color cookbook filled with delicious meals for every hour of the day. Her signature friendly voice invites readers to try everything from her Southern Sweet Tea Fried Chicken to a Holiday Ham, perfectly portioned for whomever is sitting around the table. Fancy celebration meals appear along with down-home comfort food, all accompanied by mouth-watering photography. Recipes include: Bruleed Toasty Oats Pimento Grilled Cheese with Fried Pickles Roasted Salmon Sheet Pan Supper Perfect Filet Mignons with Twice-Baked Potatoes Rummy Oatmeal Cookies Comfort and Joy is an essential book for singles, couples, and small families. 85 color photographs

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Customer Reviews

I feel like I've been waiting forever for this cookbook to come out. I've been following Christina on her blog for years and love her recipes. They're easy to make and simple to follow. When her first book, *Dessert for Two*, came out, I was amazed at all the small batch desserts she created. After all, as much as I love desserts, there's only so much I can eat. So I was super excited when I saw this book: *Comfort and Joy*. *Comfort and Joy* is filled with every day recipes inspired by Southern comfort foods. These recipes are made for one to two people, but they can easily be adjusted to feed more people. Which I absolutely love. Because I really rather make half a dozen cookies and not four. I love Christina's approach to this book. You can hear her voice in her writing, inviting you to try her recipes. It's as if a friend is talking you through the steps to create every day comfort foods in your own little kitchen. You can find all sorts of recipes from breakfast to dinner and even more

small batch desserts. The recipes are amazing and simple, the photos are gorgeous. Where else would you find recipes for eggs baked in baguette, sweet tea fried chicken, or bacon parmesan biscuits! And these are only some of the recipes that she shares with us in her latest book. I recommend this cookbook to anyone who wants to make small batches of food. As much as I love desserts and comfort food as the next person, sometimes, I think I prefer small portions of it so that I won't have to eat the same food for days. Because if I make less of one dish, I can try more of other dishes. No? Just me? Seriously, give this book a try, especially if you're a fan of Southern comfort foods. =)

I have both of Christina's books, and I've also gifted them to my parents. Solid recipes from start to finish in this new book. I've been cooking out of Comfort and Joy for two weeks now, and I'm loving it. The headnotes make me laugh - Christina is a funny chick. Some folks think there's no reason to have small batches of bacon or sweet tea in a cookbook, but you know what? Not everyone that buys a cookbook knows how to make those things. That's why they bought the book in the first place. I think it's great that they're here. This is a wonderful book for couples and singles, and families too. I especially love Thanksgiving for Two. So smart!

I couldn't wait to get this new book...and I was not disappointed. Great recipes...I cannot wait to try the soups (especially the tomato soup) and salads and drinks. Thank you, Christina, for another outstanding book and for sharing your life and food with two-people households!!! I love how the majority of your recipes are from scratch and you even give us a recipe for small batch puff pastry!! I think I love this cookbook even more than the first. I would highly recommend both her first and second book and her blog for anyone who loves to cook a real meal--from scratch, but only has two mouths to feed.

I love Christina's positive, balanced approach to cooking. She makes me crave everything, wish I were a Southern belle, and want to spend every Sunday in my kitchen cooking for my family at the same time! THEN, she makes this vision totally attainable in a realistic way. I often shy away from "comfort food" style recipes, because I worry they are too heavy or only for special occasions. Christina's more scaled-down, approachable, "real life" versions of these recipes make foods that I might once have considered too "decadent" or too intimidating to make just for my husband and myself appropriate for even weeknights. From every day eating to special occasions, Christina has it all. I love this book and plan to gift it to everyone I know who cooks for two (or a few!)

I really enjoyed her 1st book, desserts for two, and am glad she has even more in this book. I would really like to give this book 3.5 stars. There are recipes in here that really don't qualify as such. Bacon for 2, put 4 strips in the oven, is a bit ridiculous. There are a few more like that. The dinner section is rather short whereas the brunch/breakfast section is the biggest part of the book. I thought the Thanksgiving for 2 was a cute idea and of course more desserts are welcome, however iced coffee and teas for two and the like could have been placed as tips in the book rather than full page recipes with full color pictures no less. All in all I do like the book but I think it was rushed and/or they just wanted to fill space.

Christina's second book doesn't disappoint in providing great recipe ideas for two people, and the perfect ratio for recipes you wouldn't think could be scaled down to serve just two! I also love the personal stories she peppers in throughout the book - from her story of craving these recipes during her pregnancy to sharing stories of her Southern Road Trip Honeymoon, she makes this more than just a recipe book - it is a cookbook with stories about each recipe that are worth really reading.

I wanted more dinner recipes that I could cook now that my kids are gone. I felt like too many of the main recipes involved frying. I wanted recipes that were more healthy. I do, however, love the muffin and breakfast recipes. The pumpkin latte was a good one, too.

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