How many times have you found yourself searching through five different cookbooks for a few simple things--those terrific stuffed mushrooms, Moms mashed potatoes, something new to do with asparagus, and which cut of pork to use for the best chops? Pillsburys Complete Cookbook may be the answer to all your rummaging. Capturing down-home cooking at its finest, the chefs at Pillsbury have not only compiled a list of Americas favorite recipes, theyve created a handy reference guide to boot. The table of contents runs the gamut of American cuisine, featuring traditional fare such as Pot Roast and Gravy and Grown-up Macaroni and Cheese, as well as recipes with a modern twist like Tofu Piccata and Grilled Walleye with Pecan Butter. With menu ideas, step-by-step instructional photographs, nutritional information, dietary exchange recommendations, cooks notes, and buying guides, the Complete Cookbook proves true to its name. And, the five-ring-binder format stays open while youre cooking and allows you to include your celebrated family secrets throughout. -- Melissa Asher

My Personal Review:
What makes this cookbook above standard is that it is easily portable. You don't have to lug around a heavy tome that is filled with a gazillion recipes but deep down you know you wouldn't ever used most of them. Contained within this one are a lot that you probably will use. So less really is more when you consider the ratio of ones that you'd enjoy versus a bunch that you wouldn't really ever use.

The lighter weight makes it the perfect candidate to take on vacation to a time rental condo or to an extended stay motel/apt. style residence for a traveling salesman that will want the capacity to cook a home style meal once in a while.

Just throw it into the suitcase and when you get there you can have it with you if you want to have a dinner at wherever you are staying.
All the basic categories are covered.. from seasonal drinks such as eggnog to different types of muffins and biscuits breads.

Of course this book being from Pillsbury you already know it'll have lots of cake recipes and it doesn't disappoint in that area.

--- Soups and Breads are included --- Breakfast items such as pancakes, crepes, waffles, omelets, quiche, Souffles, Enchiladas, Breakfast Burritos, French Toast, etc. -- so you can see you can start your day off with something besides a boring usual type of meal. ---

--- But it is the hearty meals and well known side dishes that make it a recipe book that you'll enjoy and use. Things like Waldorf salad or German Potato Salad or any number of others to go with dishes such as Beef Roast or Pan Broiled Steak with Mushrooms or Pepper Steak with Blackberry Glaze or Porterhouse steak with grilled vegetables and so on. even the Mongolian or Grilled Blue Cheese steak recipes. The kind of food that is tasty and filling. Not the itsy bitsy stuff you so often get in fancy restaurants. --

Stuffed Green Peppers, meatball recipes, Rib recipes to grill with and barbecue sauces.. they are all in there too.

Many Chicken and Seafood meals, Italian style dishes, many potato recipes, a Substitution Chart, Canning tips, Freezing tips and all the usual goodie extras that make a superior cookbook.

Sure, there are big, massive cookbooks that people love that have more recipes, such as New Cook Book, 75th Anniversary Limited Edition, or one of their other many fine editions, but the Better Homes and Gardens Cookbooks are not as light and easy to put in a suitcase as this one. They are great books but this is a light one that can be taken with you so easily.

* In closing let me repeat myself and say again that the cake and pie and cookie recipes are from Pillsbury.. that alone ought to make you want this book. If I haven't put the urge to go get it into you maybe you don't enjoy cakes the way you ought to... Seek out and find Fraiser from the TV show and seek advice on what is wrong with you.. lol*

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