The Apple Lovers Cookbook by Amy Traverso

The most complete cookbook for enjoying and cooking with apples. Winner of an IACP Best Cookbook award in 2012!

The Apple Lovers Cookbook celebrates the beauty of apples in all their delicious variety, taking you from the orchard to the kitchen with recipes both sweet (like Apple-Stuffed Biscuit Buns and Blue Ribbon Deep-Dish Apple Pie) and savory (like Cider-Brined Turkey and Apple Squash Gratin). It offers a full-color guide to fifty-nine apple varieties, with descriptions of their flavor, history, and, most important, how to use them in the kitchen. Amy Traverso also takes you around the country to meet farmers, cider makers, and apple enthusiasts.

The one hundred recipes run the spectrum from cozy crisps and cobblers to adventurous fare like Cider-Braised Brisket or Apple-Gingersnap Ice Cream. In addition, Amy organizes apple varieties into cooking categories so that it's easy to choose the right fruit for any recipe. You'll know to use tart Northern Spy in your pies and Fuji in delicate cakes. The Apple Lovers Cookbook is the ultimate apple companion. 110 four-color illustrations

Not only is this book as good as the other reviews suggest, particularly for choosing the right cooking apple for any given recipe application, but the apple photos, descriptions, and their best culinary uses are helpful for people who want to plant their own apple trees. When I bought my farm it came with several different mature apple trees, to which I added McIntosh, but was on the fence as to which other apples to plant after that. With the help of this book, now I know.
Yes..... there are a lot of good orchard/gardening/growing books on apples out there (and I suggest one consult these for planting and care of their trees) and some of them even list how a particular apple tastes but I generally prefer to cook, dehydrate, or bake with apples more than eating out of hand.

I found that looking up the type of recipes I make the most and cross referencing the apple varieties used for those recipes was the most helpful in deciding which other apple trees I want to expand my orchard with.

I do own a good selection of other apple and fruit cookbooks and find this one be a favorite.

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