Weighing almost as much as a small child, Beth Hensperger's *The Bread Bible* contains 300 recipes, plus slice after slice of baking wisdom. Hensperger certainly knows her bread: she is the author of several other yeasty numbers, including the mouthwatering *Bread for All Seasons* and the feisty *Breads of the Southwest*. Her Bible features simple, basic breads, such as *White Mountain Bread*, *French Bread*, and an Old-Fashioned 100 Percent Whole-Wheat Bread, as well as fancier breads such as *Brown Rice Bread* with Dutch Crunch Topping and a tangy *Anadama Bread* with Tillamook Cheddar Cheese. Not forgotten are scones, biscuits, pizzas, croissants, waffles, muffins--and even coffee cakes. As can be expected from such a hefty, all-encompassing volume, many breads demand the skills of agile and able bakers. *Crescia al Formaggio*, an aesthetically pleasing savory cheese bread, requires scrupulous time-keeping and copious amounts of elbow grease and
patience. Of course, the rewards are high. Happily, many other loaves can be whipped up in a bread machine, and are equally satisfying. An Old-Fashioned Oatmeal Bread using Irish oats makes everything good with the world with its rich, nutty texture. Henspergers sweet treats are also a delight--the Blueberry Gingerbread works wonders with vanilla ice cream, and wont take up your whole day slaving over a hot stove. Although The Bread Bible would have benefited from color photographs to tease the taste buds, Henspergers latest ode to bread will still prove invaluable for both new and seasoned bakers. --Naomi Gesinger

These are great breads: relatively simple to make with absolutely great doughs. If you bake much bread, you will recognize the wonderful quality of her dough - firm, easy to handle, with that wonderful yeast tang.

This book belongs in the kitchen of every serious baker. New to breads? This is a great place to begin.

Here a sample of included recipes that Ive tried and love: Sweet Vanilla Challah, Italian Walnut-Raisin Whole-Wheat Bread, Buttermilk Corn Bread [the best ever! try adding the suggested pecans], Bread with Three Chocolates, Pear Spice Coffeecake.

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