Loving cake is a natural part of Warren Brown's constitution. Now, in order to form a more perfect union of flour, eggs, butter, and sugar, he's offering his unique take on classic dessert recipes from all fifty states, plus Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C. Starting out with Baked Alaska (what else?), Brown tours the whole country, updating regional confections like King Cake (Louisiana), Lady Baltimore Cake (South Carolina), Mud Cake (Mississippi), and Key Lime Pie (Florida). There are official state desserts (Maryland’s Smith Island Cake; Massachusetts' Boston Cream Pie) and unofficial favorites (New York?style Cheesecake; St. Louis Gooey Butter Cake), as well as an ovenful of brand-new baked treats that Brown has created to honor specific states’ agricultural bounty (Avocado Cupcakes for California; Huckleberry Cake for Idaho). Eye-catching photos, informative sidebars, and a separate section on buttercream frostings complete the mix.

My Personal Review:
Warren Brown's follow-up to CakeLove: How to Bake Cakes from Scratch does not disappoint. United Cakes of America: Recipes Celebrating Every State has at least one recipe for each of the fifty United States (plus Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia) divided into four regions of the country.

The Northeast includes the following recipes:
- Maine: Whoopie Pie with Seven-Minute Frosting
- New Hampshire: Pumpkin Pancakes
- Vermont: Maple Creme Brulee
- Massachusetts: Chocolate Chip Cake with Chocolate Frosting
- Massachusetts: Boston Cream Pie
- Rhode Island: Johnnycakes
- Connecticut: Nutmeg Spice Cupcakes with Old-Fashioned Milk Buttercream
- New York: Red Velvet Cake
-New York: New York-Style Cheesecake
-Pennsylvania: Angel Food Cake
-Pennsylvania: Chocolate Chiffon Angel Food Cake
-Delaware: Coffee Cake
-Delaware: Dover Cake
-New Jersey: Old-Fashioned Ice Box Cake
-New Jersey: Easy Ice Box Cake
-New Jersey: Tomato Soup Cake
-Maryland: Smith Island Cake
-District of Columbia: Cherry Trifle

Specialties of the South include:
-Kentucky: Kentucky Derby Cake
-Kentucky: Kentucky Jam Cake
-Virginia: Pineapple Upside-Down Cake
-West Virginia: Apple-Butter Cake
-Tennessee: Tennessee Mountain Stack Cake
-North Carolina: Hummingbird Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting
-South Carolina: Lady Baltimore Cake
-South Carolina: Huguenot Torte
-Georgia: Coca-Cola Cake
-Florida: Key Lime Pie
-Florida: Lemon-Ginger Cake
-Alabama: Silver Cake
-Alabama: Lane Cake
-Mississippi: Mud Cake
-Louisiana: Sweet Potato Cake
-Louisiana: King Cake
-Arkansas: Black Walnut Torte
-Arkansas: Homemade Dirt Cake
-Ohio: Cassata Cake
-Michigan: Chocolate Sauerkraut Cake with Whole-Egg Buttercream
-Michigan: Rice Krispie Treats
-Indiana: Hoosier Cream Pie
-Illinois: Devil's Food Cake with Cooked-Meringue Buttercream
-Wisconsin: Brown Sugar, Cranberry, and Pecan Cake
-Missouri: St. Louis Gooey Butter Cake
-Missouri: 7 Up Pound Cake
-Iowa: Roasted Pecan Cornbread
-Nebraska: Kolace
-Kansas: Carrot Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting
-Minnesota: Bundt Cake
-South Dakota: Kuchen
North Dakota: Oatmeal-and-Currant Cake

Recipes from the West include:
- Hawaii: Coconut Cupcakes with Old-Fashioned Tangy Buttercream
- Alaska: Baked Alaska
- Alaska: Amazing Vanilla Cake
- Washington: Apple Cake
- Washington: Coffee Buttercream Frosting
- California: Avocado Cupcakes
- California: Chiffon Cake
- Nevada: Basque Cake
- Oregon: Filbert Chocolate Cake
- Idaho: Huckleberry Cake
- Arizona: Jalapeno Cheddar Cheesecake
- Arizona: Ancho Chile Buttercream Frosting
- Utah: Utah Scones
- Colorado: Apple-Banana-Walnut Nugget Cake
- New Mexico: Bizcochito Cake
- Montana: Huckleberry Scones
- Wyoming: Honey and Raspberry Cheesecake

Recipes for the following "American Classics" are at the end of the regional chapters:
- Apple-Cranberry Cobbler
- Strawberry Shortcake
- Caramel Cake
- Yellow Cake with Chocolate Icing

"A Slice of America" features are scattered throughout the book and include tips (with series of photos) for icing a cake, assembling a layer cake, livening up a bundt cake and adjusting for altitude when baking; a history of baking in America with examples of early recipes; and the history of Duncan Hines and Betty Crocker.

There are full-page color photos of 32 of the 73 dishes. This count doesn't include fillings or frostings, only desserts and other baked goods. There are additional photos with the Slice of America instructions and the other tips (including zest fruit and how to make a parchment cone).

This book would be a fun way to teach children about states. There is an icon of each state with the state capital indicated and at least one fun fact along with the recipe(s). Additional facts are scattered throughout the book. For example, Ohio was the birthplace of eight Presidents (who are listed along with their favorite dessert).

Nutrition information is not included with the recipes.

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