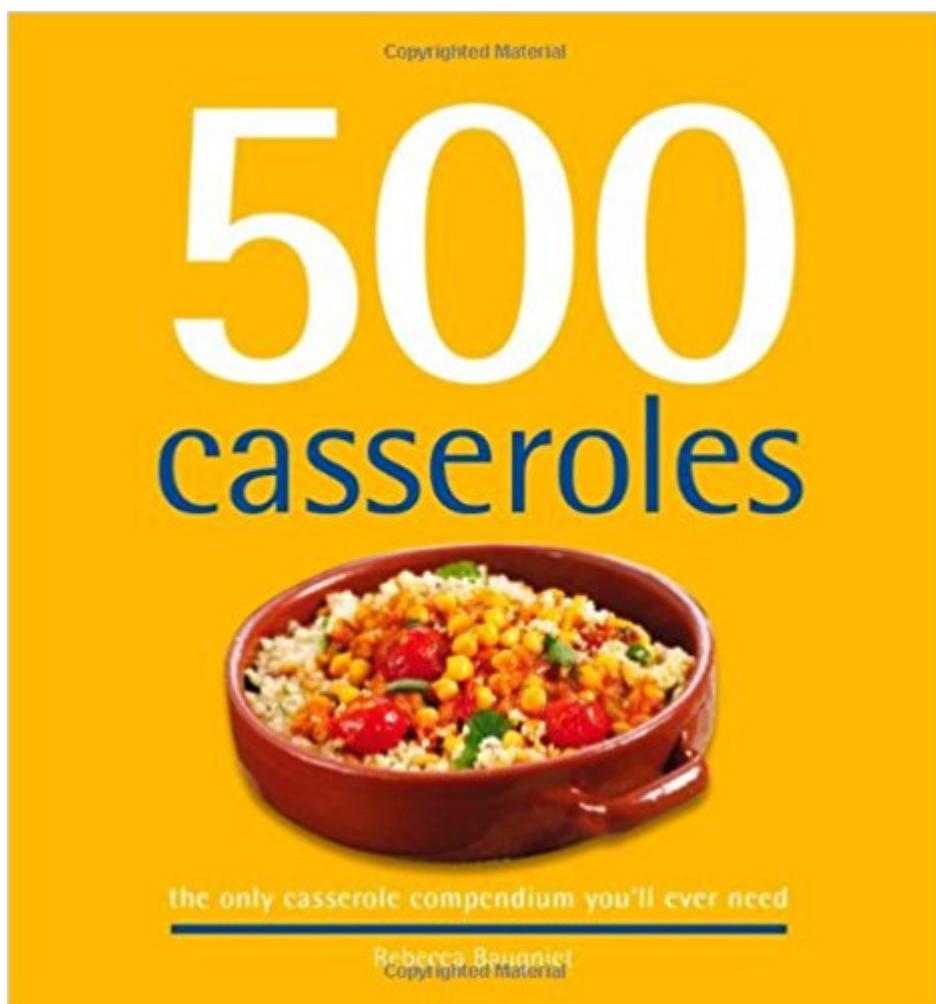


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# 500 Casseroles: The Only Casserole Compendium You'll Ever Need (500 Cooking (Sellers))



## Synopsis

This comprehensive collection of casserole recipes will provide nutritious, balanced meal ideas that won't take all day to make and don't use every pot in the kitchen. Casseroles are the original economical meal-in-one; they are versatile, easy to prepare, freeze well, and make great leftovers. 500 Casseroles is bursting with recipes for dishes that allow you to comfort, to impress, or simply to satisfy a large family's appetite quickly.

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## Customer Reviews

Not many things get me so excited, but this little book did. In fact, I was wowed! I ordered this after I had received the '500 Soups' book in this series. I liked that book fairly well so I decided to give this one a shot. Now I've had a number of other casserole cookbooks and read many that friends and family own. But nothing prepared me for what I got when I began paging through this little treasure. There are so many things I like about this book series, and especially this book, that I could rant and rave forever. But I'll try to be brief. Ok... best highlights of this book are: 1. Small, unobtrusive, fits on most any shelf 2. Pages lightly laminated for easy clean up 3. Hardback... withstands many uses 4. Clear, concise, easy to read print 5. Great photos with 99% of recipes 6. Pages between chapters that give you variations on recipes in the chapter 7. Non-exotic, everyday ingredients 8. Variations include 'short cut' ingredients, if you want to make it faster 9. Everyday casseroles, classic casseroles and intriguing 'new' stuff 10. Recipes are simple, not many steps, realistic to busy lifestyles. I have to say, whether you're a seasoned cook or a novice, this is THE

casserole book to own. This will stay in my small cookbook library for years. It is well worth the money. As an aside, I took it to work to share and a number of the women I work with were completely enthralled and immediately started copying recipes. I ordered another copy to give as a Christmas gift this year... on specific request. Highly highly highly recommend.

One of the easiest and 'kitchen cook' dishes to prepare and serve for family mealtimes is the casserole, a single dish entree that is almost infinite in its variety. Compiled and organized by Rebecca Baugniet, "500 Casseroles" is a particularly impressive collection of easy-to-prepare recipes for a wide diversity of one-pot dishes ranging from Tamale Casserole; Rigatoni & Italian Sausage Bake; Coq Au Vin; and Turkey Gougere; to Baked Snapper with Mushrooms; Chilaquile Casserole; Cauliflower & Red Pepper Casserole; and Italian Risotto with Scallops. Beautifully and profusely illustrated throughout with color photography, "500 Casseroles" will prove a popular culinary addition to any personal, family, and community library cookbook collections.

This dandy little book is a good addition to the kitchen in that it has a nice mix of rather sophisticated and unusual recipes along with "down home" stuff. Just paging through it is enough to bump one out of the blahs that come with cooking too much, too many years. Also, I liked that each recipe is a sort of "core" recipe, giving technique and variations that help one to utilize the odds and ends we usually have lurking in the pantry or frig. The reviews from other buyers, that freely publishes, are always helpful to making selections that really contain what we're looking for.

When I first opened this cookbook I was like, ehh seems ok. The recipes were pretty basic-no frills. I consider myself an advanced cook and tend to go for the more challenging, gourmet recipes. I had to remind myself why I purchased this book. Ya see I just had a baby and now have very little time to make a fancy gourmet dinner. So with that being said this book works well for what I wanted it for; quick n easy casseroles/dinners. I've tried the tuna cass, lasagna, chicken tetrazzine, mac n cheese and they have all been fine and dandy. I did add my own spices and contributions here and there, but I have to say the recipes stand good on their own. One thing to mention, not all of these recipes are casseroles! If you expected all 500 to be casseroles.. there not. If you need a quick cookbook full of fairly easy stuff, this is it.

Casseroles represent comfort food for me so I was happy to find this cookbook full of recipes that are healthy, easy to make, and most can be frozen for quick meals later. As with the other "500"

cookbooks in this series from Sellers Publishing, there are actually 100 or so base recipes with 4-5 variations for each that complete the total that the title promises. There are color photographs which is always a plus, and the ingredients are easily found in any grocery store. I made the tortilla lasagne which my family really liked. Not only was it simple to put together, but I was able to make it earlier in the day so it was ready pop in the oven for 20 minutes for dinner. It also freezes well. Classic casseroles such as boeuf bourguignon, chicken and dumplings, macaroni and cheese, and turkey tetrazzini can be found in this cookbook alongside rigatoni and italian sausage bake, kedigeree (an Indian dish), autumn squash casserole, jambalaya, and broccoli and mushroom noodle bake, stuffed zucchini, and shrimp and wild rice casserole. I'm looking forward to trying many of the recipes and appreciate that the ingredients are fresh instead of relying heavily on canned or processed foods. Chapters include family feasts, pasta and rice, elegant fare, meat casseroles, poultry casseroles, fish and seafood, vegetarian and vegan, light casseroles, quick and easy casseroles, and international favorites. This would be a great addition to any cookbook collection, especially for those who like the ease of casseroles.

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