



Cooking in America, 1840-1945 (annotated edition)

By Alice L. McLean

ABC-CLIO. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Cooking in America, 1840-1945 (annotated edition), Alice L. McLean, This cookbook covers the years 1840 through 1945, a time during which American cookery underwent a full-scale revolution. Gas and electric stoves replaced hearth cookery. Milk products came from commercial dairy farms rather than the family cow. Daily meals were no longer bound by seasons and regions, as canned, bottled, and eventually frozen products flooded the market and trains began to transport produce and meat from one end of the country to the other. During two World Wars and the Great Depression women entered the work force in unprecedented numbers and household servants abandoned low-paying domestic jobs to work in factories. As a result of these monumental changes, American home cooking became irrevocably simplified and cookery skills geared more toward juggling time to comb grocery store shelves for the best and most economical products than toward butchering and preserving an entire animal carcass or pickling fruits and vegetables. This cookbook reflects these changes, with each of the three chapters capturing the home cooking that typified the era. The first chapter covers the preindustrial period 1840 to 1875; during this time, home cooks knew how...



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