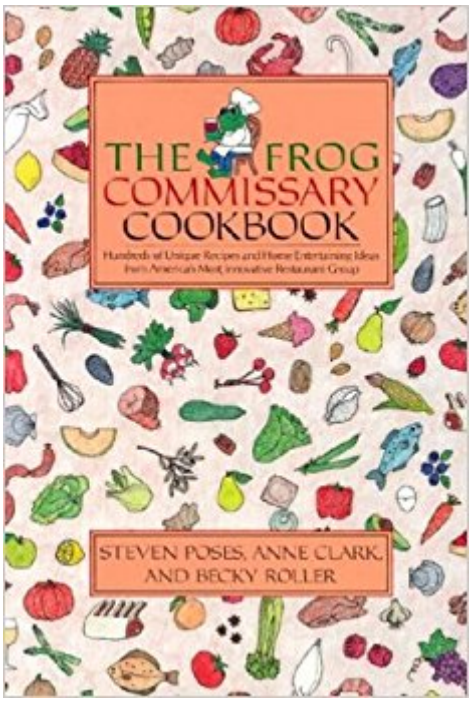
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Synopsis

A little storefront restaurant opened in a downtown neighborhood of Philadelphia in 1973. It was simply named Frog. Out of that little eatery grew a collection of some of America’s most innovative and successful restaurants, including Frog, The Commissary, and a catering operation known as Frog/Commissary Catering. From their founding chef/restaurateur, Steven Poses, and his colleagues Anne Clark and Becky Roller, comes a sumptuous cookbook that brings together hundreds of kitchen-tested recipes, tips, and information about their personal approach to food preparation. Organized by meal course, the book contains a multitude of creative recipes, adapted for serving at home and reflecting a quixotic, multiethnic blend of foods and ingredients. Full of insider tips on food preparation and service and delightful anecdotes, this bountiful feast of information is also a lavish treat for the eyes, with Becky Roller’s wonderful drawings and calligraphy gracing each page. The Frog/Commissary Cookbook is the perfect introduction to a very special culinary world--and the ideal addition to every cook’s home library.

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Customer Reviews

STEVEN POSES runs Frog/Commissary Catering. ANNE CLARK is former head baker, test chef, and general manager of The Commissary. BECKY ROLLER, onetime Commissary cashier, was the originator, calligrapher, and illustrator of The Commissary Newsletter.

Just when I was beginning to think, the contents of my Viking Shaped Cucina should be retired to my garden, where the door of my stove could support a display of hand painted flower pots, I discovered this cookbook. Haunted by a 35 year old memory of "Killer" cake, I searched for it’s

recipe and found this gem. I'm neither a chocoholic or a cake lover, but I recalled this as "the Best Thing Dessert I've ever eaten". Having just made this cake and served it as dessert for a party of ten I can report, it is still "all that". Everyone who sampled The Killer Cake, has either begged me to make me one for their Birthday or insisted I should make them available for sale. In only two weeks I've recreated several of the recipes and have been inspired to push all thoughts of retiring from kitchen duty out of my head. The delightful tale of "how" Frog originally developed and their masterful recipes has inspired me to such an extent, I may never leave the walls of by kitchen again. The simple, elegant purity of always wanting to plate the "best" is laced, like a delightful heap of spun sugar on every page!

25 years ago I went to a friends party and they made this amazing carrot cake (they gave me a copy of the receipe). My daughter asked for the amazing Carrot Cake I used to make when she was little for this Easter. I wanted to make it, only couldn't read my copy. Looked it up and found the Cookbook on ! Yay!

I bought this as a present. I've had this book for 10 years now and have made many meals with it and loved them all. Highly recommended.

This afternoon I told my daughter we'd make oatmeal chocolate-chip cookies for her lunchbox ("No oatmeal!" "Yes oatmeal,") and went looking for a recipe online. As soon as I saw the words "Frog Commissary" come up on Google, I was happy. Why? I don't know -- maybe it was all that eastern-PA late-80s/early-90s bookselling, maybe I'd shelved the cookbook before, or maybe it was ESP cookie vibes reaching out to me from 1985. Because hot damn, these are wonderful cookies.I must admit that reading the reviews makes me wince just that tiny bit -- all those terribly fashionable foods of the time. Reminds me of the year my dad added Belgian endive to my mom's shopping list every week just to annoy. You know, I could live without the raspberry puree brulee spinach asparagus crepe hazelnut big-puffy-sleeve dance again. But so what? I'm looking forward to cooking from this book, and I bet I'll wake up some pleasant memories in doing it.

Good

I love this cookbook. I have been through three copies and given numerous copies to friends and family.This book was out-of-print for years and I am very happy to see it reissued -- so I can give a

copy to my son away in college!This is where the French-Thai connection started as far as I can tell. The book is a marvel. The illustrations and comments in the margins are as valuable as the recipes and their text.I have made just about every dish in this book and I have never been disappointed and neither have my guests.My son grew up on the Thai Popcorn; I believe that the duck and chicken recipes are beyond reproach; the lentil salad is to die for (better have a heck of an extensive spice collection for that one....) and EVERYBODY loves the Carrot Cake.A fine, fine example of American creativity in the culinary arts.

Truly an exceptional cookbook! The recipes are innovative & unique & fairly simple...made with fresh colorful, good for you ingredients, every recipe is worth the effort...the little cartoon character drawings throughout the book are totally cute & make for an easy read.....I always loved eating at the Commissary Restaurant (circa 80's) on Sansom Street in Philadelphia, PA...it was always an enjoyable experience...one of a kind!

This has sentimental value--lived right near the Frog Commissary restaurant and their takeout cafe many years ago in Philly. So many favorites I am able to recreate. My all-time favorite oatmeal chocolate chip cookie recipe is in this book and it is the best! I recently had to purchase my 2nd copy because my old one was worn, food-splattered and tore right in half down the spine. Hope this one lasts at least another 20 years.

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