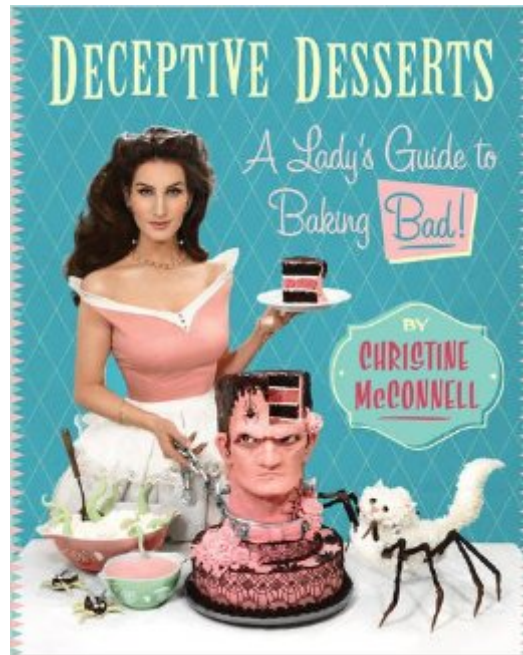


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Deceptive Desserts: A Lady's Guide To Baking Bad!



Synopsis

Internet star Christine McConnell bakes, decorates, sews, and styles it all . . . with a twist—now she shows you how to do it on a shoestring budget. Photographer and stylist Christine McConnell transforms the ordinary into the extraordinary—from everyday dinners, to desserts for all occasions, to the walls of your kitchen, and even some over-the-top creations just for fun. Taking inspiration from the likes of Tim Burton, Wes Craven, Alfred Hitchcock, and Vincent Price and mixing in a dash of Stepford Wife, McConnell's baking and home DIY projects are a league above and beyond anything you've seen before. In *Deceptive Desserts*, each dessert is a work of art—some a little twisted, others magical—but every recipe inspires readers to create their own rules without spending a fortune. Why can't crab cakes be a delicious pink-frosted dessert? And if you're stuck hosting a bridal shower, why not create an actual Bridezilla cake to match the bride's ego? Nothing is sacrosanct in the wonderfully weird world of Christine McConnell and nothing is what it appears to be—even a classic dinner can be transformed into something decadent, with doughnuts that look like chicken drumsticks, green beans made of candy, and ice cream mashed potatoes. A master of illusions in baking, McConnell shows readers how to create their own secret hidden gems in the kitchen. In her follow-up book, McConnell will go outside the kitchen to show readers how to incorporate magic and fantasy into their home decor and personal style without breaking the bank. Using the renovations of her own house as a guide, McConnell walks readers through easy DIY projects such as hand-painted wallpaper, refinishing wood and tile floors, and adding storage space, along with inexpensive decorating tips. A dazzling collection of photographs, stories revealing her one-of-a-kind character, and helpful tricks for doing it all yourself, McConnell's book will inspire readers to be more playful, and just a little bit wicked, with the food they create and the space they inhabit.

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Customer Reviews

How can you not love a "cookbook" that sports this quote from the author: "If you're looking to tie down a man but are too lazy to feign a pregnancy, this [chocolate cake] is an easy and delicious alternative." And her terrifyingly scrumptious-looking "Scream Berries" will have you craving demented strawberries the minute you excitedly devour the book. What are you waiting for -- buy it this minute or live a life of regret and pictorial starvation!

I waited SO LONG for this book and now that it is in my hands I'm in love. Longtime Christine McConnell instagram follower and her book just keeps the party going. It sits on my coffee table and when people come over they are cracking up over the wild and stunning designs.

These desserts are absolutely stunning! I couldn't be happier with my purchase of this book! The pictures are amazing and the recipes easy to follow. Please note that none of these are easy or for beginners. I'm slightly intimidated and I've been baking for years! Christine has a unique talent and I'm so glad she shared it with the world. Also her writing is practical and humorous at the same time.

I just received my cookbooks today and I am absolutely thrilled. I purchased two, one for myself and one as a gift. I've been following Christine's posts on Reddit showing her fabulous creations and her whimsical photography so when I found out she has a book out I definitely had to order it right away. She's a triple threat - A beautiful woman, a talented photographer and an incredible food artist. I absolutely love this book. It is way more than simply a cookbook. It is quite substantial with hundreds of wonderful photos of not just the fun dessert creations but also of the author Christine (in costumes that she sews herself) in hilarious poses. The cookbook is arranged seasonally, from Spring to Winter recipes. Many of the desserts probably do require that you already have a decent amount of decorating skill if you hope to achieve similar results as in the pictures (which I do not have) but I still think that it will be fun to attempt some of them to see how well I do. However, quite a few of them I definitely believe I can produce nice results with the detailed instructions and photos of each step. Although it is not even close to halloween yet I may just have to try making the "terror

misu" with ladyfinger cookie decorations that look like real lady fingers. The kitten cannolis look absolutely adorable as well. But since I am a huge fan of all things pumpkin flavored I might have to make the pumpkin ice cream first, the recipe looks delish!

Christine McConnell's witty and wonderful new book makes baking what it really should be: an act of sheer terror combined with a healthy dose of sugary stuff that makes it all worthwhile. She presents a seasonal guide to creative, delicious, and skillfully explained recipes lovingly filtered through the delightfully quirky and sardonic tone that she embodies to perfection. Think of her as June Cleaver or Donna Reed tossed into a blender with Morticia Addams or Elvira Mistress of the Dark. The finished product is amazingly photogenic and balances black humor with a sweet and encouraging guide to daring her readers to try something new. Christine does her own styling and photography and she truly is as lovely as a 1960's pin up girl but she brings a biting wit and sense of the absurd to each recipe. From a dinner made entirely from doughnuts to scream berries or a cat lady gelatin, she has crafted a book to savor again and again in the kitchen...with the lights on and the doors locked!

When the book arrived, I was pleasantly surprised by just how BIG the book itself is! Of course it is beautifully done with wonderful images & detailed instruction, but it also has actually useful advice. The day I received the book, I couldn't resist but make the superly clever banana bread loaves! Although I definitely didn't spend as much time on the details, they still turned out super fun & WOW did they taste freaking fantastic. Honestly the best (& EASIEST) banana bread recipe I've ever made. So moist and delicious.. Im actually baking a standard loaf with her recipe as we speak, because it was THAT delicious & may just be my new standard!An awesome aspect to Christine's recipes is that they are SO SIMPLE! No bogus/bizarre ingredients like oh so many other cookbooks. Have been a fan since I saw one of her first Reddit posts of her parents house spooked out with Jack Skelington for Halloween. Originally having high expectations for the book, a standing ovation is in order for Christine on this one. As an artist myself, she continues to impress and excite (lol) with her unique and clever creations. Wish her a wonderful future & hope to see her go far as she oh so clearly deserves!

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