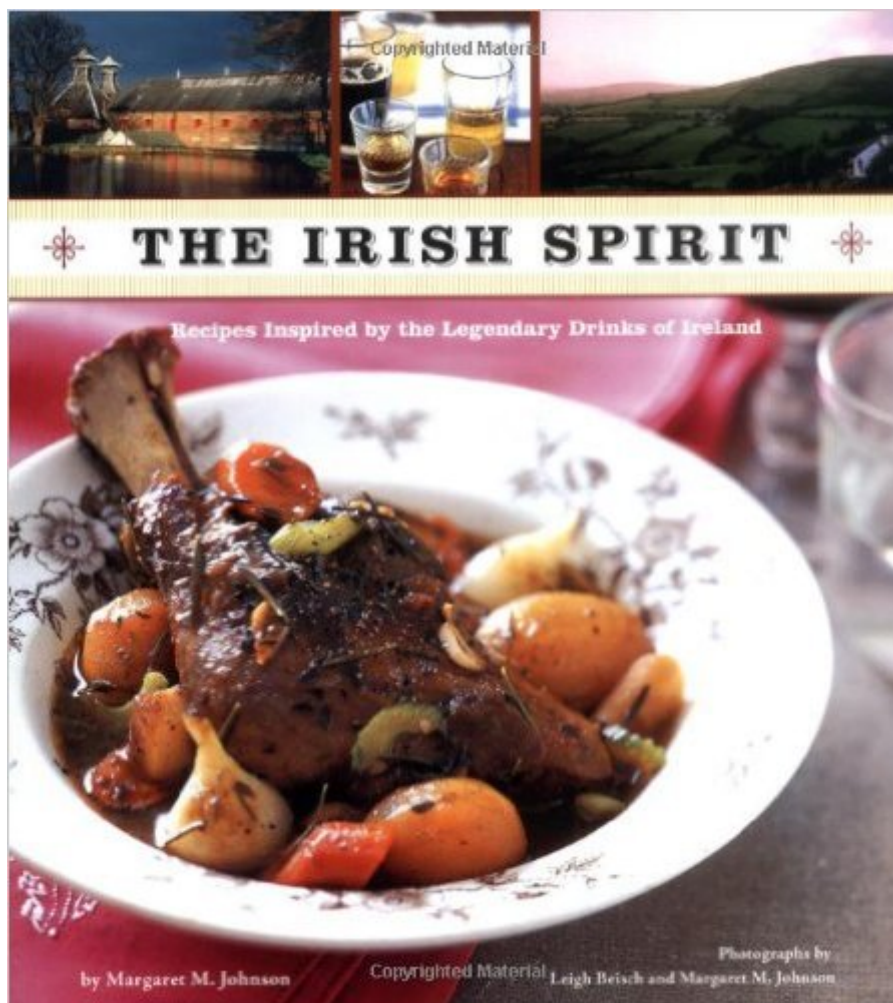


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# The Irish Spirit: Recipes Inspired By The Legendary Drinks Of Ireland



## Synopsis

The Irish Spirit combines the Emerald Isle's favorite recipes with a touch of ale, stout, cider, or whiskey, creating terrific new flavor combinations. Whether scallops and shrimp are poached in single-malt whiskey, tender brisket is simmered in ale and topped with a golden cheese cobbler, or old-time pineapple upside-down cake is updated with a buttery, toffee liqueur topping, each recipe is enhanced by Ireland's famous spirits. In addition to the terrific recipes is the fascinating history of Irish whiskey, stories of classic events like Belfast's popular Pub Crawl, and the origins of the infamous "black and tan," making this spirited cookbook a delight for all with a touch of the Irish.

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## Customer Reviews

I received this cookbook as a gift. I love all things Celtic so I decided to give this a go as well. My husband and I LOVE this cookbook. It is by far the most used in our collection. The main dishes are hearty and not overly complicated to make. The surprise is that the side dishes are amazing as well. Some of our favourite recipes are the Carrot Turnip Puree & the Rutabaga Puree. The downside to this cookbook is finding the specific ingredients called for in the recipes. We've found that if you can't find something, do a little research to find a comparable item (i.e. If you can't find say a specific whiskey, find out the notes of that brand and then substitute for one with similar flavour. Not all whiskeys are created equal.). I can't do without this cookbook. So many yummy memories!

The Irish spirit cookbook was recommended by a friend. I bought the book with one recipe in mind, the Gaelic Steak. I was told that it was excellent!.. I must say she was right! Every recipe that I have made since has been equally as satisfying. I have found the ingredients in the recipes easy to find

in local stores. The recipes are easy to follow, and each contains a bit of history of the dish. The photography is excellent and pictures of the finished recipes (available for many of the dishes) make it easy to make your dish attractive as well as tasty. I have found the glossary and the table of equivalents in the back of the book helpful with other cooking as well.

Being a Chef/Instructor I am always looking for new and interesting recipes to use, I teach International Cooking and when we do Ireland and Great Britain we are always looking to improve our recipe file. I am pleased to say that this book has added a few new twists.

Just to point out, this is a cookie cutter new wave recipe cookbook. Not that I'm knocking it down or anything but honestly it doesn't leave me room to inspire. It has many recipes like generally every other typical Irish cookbook out there. What makes this a book that I like to read though is the collection of whiskey history. A great gift to any Irish Whiskey lover. And even better if they aren't the best cook. Many of these recipes are kind of a throw together and forget it or simple like traditional American style recipes. Nothing too gourmet or complicated. I hope I'm not making it sound like a bad book, but I honestly just expected a lot more from it. I've basically read it and then stuffed it on a shelf. When I'm looking for real Irish inspiration I turn to Darina Allen's Irish Traditional book.

This is absolutely an awesome cookbook. Being Irish, wanting to go to Ireland, and loving to cook made this a must have. Highly recommended for anyone who likes to cook. Kathy

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