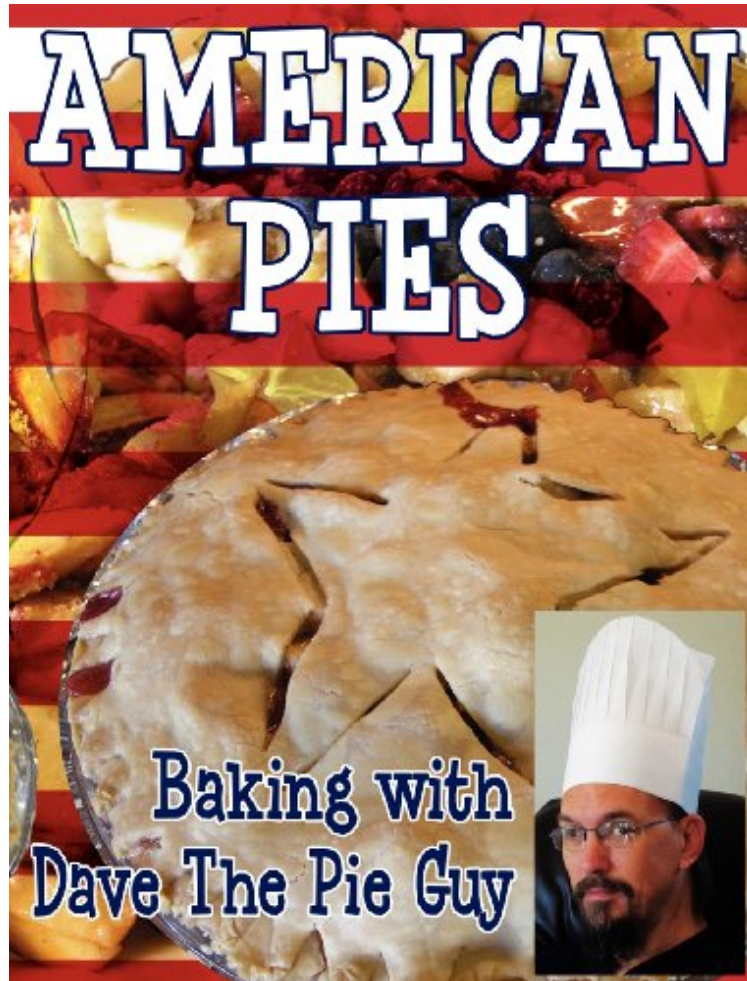


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**David Niall Wilson : American Pies: Baking with Dave the Pie Guy** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised American Pies: Baking with Dave the Pie Guy:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Dave the Pie Guy Makes Great PiesBy Kat YaresAn unusual work from a speculative fiction writer but worth its weight in fruit. Starting with a brief history of what pies are, Wilson begins chapters on some of the most delicious two crusted pies I've ever tasted. Using fruits that I would have never considered for a 'baked' pie, each of the three I tried turned out absolutely delicious (strawberry, raspberry and persimmon). I've yet to try the title pie - The American Pie - simply because I cannot find the star fruit called for in the recipe.You may think that this is just a simple cookbook, but it is far more than that. It is a journey of discovery as the author leads you down the road of making each of the pies in the book. It's more like having a friend in the kitchen while you are assembling and baking, as he talks about both his successes and failures as he worked out the recipes for

each one. If I had to fault him at all, it's that he uses store bought crusts, I was really hoping for a 'no-fail- recipe for a crust I could make myself. Alas this was not to be, so I'll continue to do as he does and buy pre-made from the grocery. All in all a great read and some great recipes for that perfect dessert after any meal.

There was a time when pie was more important. Fat, fruit-stuffed confections lined the booths at state and county fairs, cooled in the windows of kitchens across the world, sprouted blackbirds in nursery rhymes and rose to iconic glory as a symbol of goodness and patriotism. That was then. Pies, as so many other things, have been in a slump for quite a while. This book is one man's attempt to restore them to their former glory, at least for his family. Contained in this book are a short history of pies, along with shared memories of growing up in 1950s, 60s, and 70s America, making stops at every pastry-coated fruity treat along the way. There is baking-the author baked a total of thirteen pies in preparing the book, including the soon-to-be-famous "American Pie" shown on the cover-a pie that should become a **FOURTH OF JULY FAVORITE**. Along the way he shares bits of his life, some dry humor, and a whole lot of useful tips and tricks for baking the perfect fresh-fruit pie.