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Better Homes and Gardens : BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS NEW COOK BOOK Souvenir Edition (Gold Cover) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised BETTER HOMES AND GARDENS NEW COOK BOOK Souvenir Edition (Gold Cover):

115 of 116 people found the following review helpful. Classic, indispensable, and perfect for beginnersBy FatOrangeTabbyI have had an older edition of this cookbook for over 15 years, and it never disappoints. I own other general cookbooks, Betty Crocker and Joy of Cooking, but I have found the recipes in this book to be the best. One feature of the new edition is something in every section called "Make it Mine" where the book gives a standard recipe that can have many variations and then gives you options to "make it yours". An example is the recipe for burgers in the meat section which gives examples of different seasonings you can use to make your burgers different. In the cookies section the Make it Mine section talks about different fats you can use. Each section has handy tips like how to purchase a cookie sheet and which types work best for the best turnout. I love the spiral-bound format since it lays flat on the counter. You can also add or remove pages. There is a new section called Holiday Favorites with lots of yummy-looking recipes like Red Velvet Cake, Dulce de Leche-Hazelnut Pumpkin Pie, and Homemade Checkerboard Rolls. I think a lot of these recipes may have been in the older edition, but they were not sectioned off by themselves. It basically gives every recipe you'd ever need to prepare a traditional holiday meal, complete with dessert. The nutrition information, which was also included in my older version, is always helpful.Overall this book is a fantastic guide, and I recommend it to experienced cooks and beginners alike.82 of 84 people found the following review

helpful. Like this version better than the 15th edition
By _Customer I've faithfully purchased Better Homes and Gardens cookbooks since the 1980s and overall the BHG cookbooks have been solid references. I also purchase Betty Crocker cookbooks as I learned to cook with Betty. Between the two cookbooks I find plenty of basic but varied recipes. Of the two BHG cookbooks tend to slant more towards modern home cooking while Betty Crocker tends to lean more towards baking and desserts. I'm happy with both cookbooks as they both fill their niche. The Better Homes and Gardens New Cook Book, 16th edition, has headed back towards more mainstream recipes than its predecessor which ventured off to some of the more exotic recipes. I like the 16th edition as every cook needs to have a good cookbook filled with basic (foundation) recipes you can depend on for daily cooking. Some of the recipes you will find in this cookbook include: Bacon-Cheddar-Stuffed Mushrooms All-American Cheeseburger Soup Beer Can Chicken Oven-Fried Parmesan Chicken Fish Tacos Baked Fish with Variations (A Make It Mine recipe) Oven-Baked Pork Chops (8 to Try recipe) Mashed Potatoes (A Cook's Secrets recipe) Buttermilk Pancakes Fruit Coffee Cake Fritata Red Velvet Cupcakes Maple, Apple and Cheddar Pie The Make It Mine recipes take a key ingredient and suggest variations using the key ingredient. The 8 to Try offers another key recipe with 8 variations using the key ingredient. The Cook's Secret's recipes offer key tips and color photos showing how to prepare the recipe for maximum flavor. The cookbook comes already organized and ready-to-go. Some notebook style cookbooks do not do this and you have to figure out how to insert the binder tabs and pages inside the cookbook. Fortunately the BHG cookbook comes good-to-go. My only critique of this cookbook is the choice of print color for the recipe titles and recipe highlights. My aging eyes have difficulty reading red ink on a white page. A better choice of print color would have been black or dark blue. This is a fine cookbook for the novice cook as it will teach the basics without being boring. Recommend. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Red Checkered Cookbook
By Kindle Customer Throughout my life I've had three copies of this cookbook. The first I owned was given to me when I married in 1991. Later in the 2000's I bought the pink breast cancer awareness issue. Neither were exactly like the copy I had grown up with, the copy I learned to cook from, the one my mother had received in 1970 when she married my father. I found the 1968 edition on and it arrived yesterday. I've barely put it down. This is THE edition I have long coveted. The same edition that still has a place of honor in my 65 year old mother's kitchen. It arrived in excellent condition except one of the rings wouldn't close. This is a common problem with these cookbooks but as he's done twice before, my husband corrected it in a couple of minutes with a pair of pliers. I couldn't be happier to own my very own 1968 edition of the red checkered cookbook, as I've always called it.

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