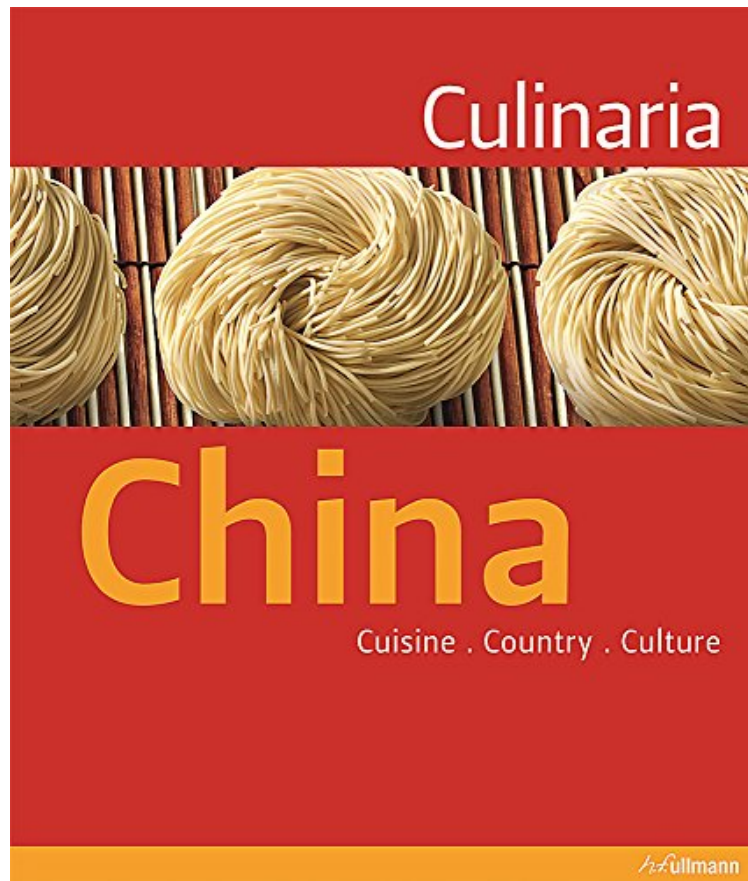


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**Kathrin Schlotter, Elke Spielmanns-Rome : CULINARIA CHINA: Country. Cuisine. Culture.** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised CULINARIA CHINA: Country. Cuisine. Culture.:

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Another winner in the series! By Kevin Gore Whenever the publisher Ullmann (formerly Koum; neman?) comes out with a new book on country and cuisine, I am sure to get it. Overall, this book does not let the reader down. However, that said, it is more a book on the history and culture of China through food than an actual cookbook. Turn to a number of other books if you wish to learn Chinese cuisine. What I really appreciate about this series is the depth of investigation on various food products (e.g., vinegar and its importance in Chinese cuisine). On the down side, some of the distinctions of the regional cuisines are rather blurred and overlapping, particularly if the regions are neighbors. I had the sense that several regions claim a lake crab as their speciality. Nonetheless, this is the book for people who want to go beyond "sweet and sour pork" recipes (even though it too is included here) because it points out with little prejudice (though some, especially on the touchy subject of eating dog meat) what Chinese people eat and not what is found in Chinese restaurants around the world (very often

completely different foods). Advice to editors - number the images! The upper, lower, center, left, right, etc. is terribly confusing. On a lasting note, when I was in Germany I first spotted the book in German (naturally) and the English edition had not yet come out, but knowing the quality of the book, I just had to get it and reactivate my German reading skills. Gladly it is now in English, and I'm anticipating a similar book on the cuisine of Japan....2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful bookBy Yasmin C. SpiegelThe Culinaria series were introduced to me by my nephew who is a chef. The pictures show you the beauty of the country as well as giving you a sense of the regions where the recipes come from. The rich detail is a feast for the eyes while the recipes are delicious and carefully explained. You learn as much about the culture and locality as you do about the various foods. I really appreciate that.2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. great bookBy Thomas j. Feyrermany different areas of china in this book. your not cooking with this on your table it is a monster of a book, it makes a better coffee table book so when people visit you can constantly mention to them that you went to China. Sturdy DB move.did I mention that I go to china often and love it?I have all the Culinaria books of Countries I have been and they are very good reference for the food that i ate.

Authentic Chinese recipes, which were deliberately collected in many provinces for this book, help everybody to conjure hitherto unknown tasty dishes onto the table. Aside from the historical dishes of the imperial cuisine, the most modern creations of the world famous five star chefs are presented

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