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Pauley Perrette, Darren Greenblatt, Matthew Sandusky : Donna Bell's Bake Shop: Recipes and Stories of Family, Friends, and Food before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Donna Bell's Bake Shop: Recipes and Stories of Family, Friends, and Food:

36 of 38 people found the following review helpful. Southern hospitalityBy wogan`Donna Bell's Bake Shop' cookbook is filled with not only recipes but stories about Donna Bell, Pauley Perrette, Darren Greenblatt and Matthew Sandusky. There are also lots of photos, including ones of most of the recipes. Donna Bell was Pauley's (of NCIS Abbey fame) mother. She died of cancer, but as Pauley was growing up in the several places they lived in the south, her mother baked and many of these are her recipes. Most of the recipes are for biscuits, muffins, scones and bars. There is only 1 pie recipe and a few for cakes. We tried some of the recipes to see how they turned out and they did taste good. They were not the throw in the bowl and then in the baking tin easy, but not that hard either. We enjoyed; blueberry-filled sweet biscuits with vanilla sauce, cinnamon scone with maple glaze, turtle cupcakes (these were exquisite!), and then

the champagne cake with strawberry buttercream frosting. This is a book for fans of Donna Bell and southern cooking, especially if you enjoy different types of biscuits, muffins and scones. 20 of 22 people found the following review helpful. *Southern Cooking with Love* By frankiejane Beautiful, heartfelt stories interrupted by wonderful recipes. I have so many of the recipes bookmarked at this point, but the one I decided to try was the Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Loaf. I didn't have a lot of time, so I decided to make this into mini muffins (recipe made 48 mini muffins) instead of the loaf. I misread the recipe and added 1/2 can of the pumpkin instead of the 1/2 cup called for. I also substituted 1/2 cup of dark brown sugar along with 1/2 regular sugar to make up for the fact that I didn't have molasses in my pantry. I added a scant cup of mini chocolate chips since I felt that regular sized chips would overwhelm the mini muffins. The result was fantastic. The muffins were done in 11-12 minutes and were perfect. They didn't last long but they were delicious. Everyone wants me to make them again. I'll make them again over the weekend, and I'm very excited to try some of the other recipes. Whether you're an experienced baker or not, these recipes appear to be fail-safe. By the way the stories are presented and the recipes written, you can feel the love and commitment to Pauley's mother. Donna Bell must have been one heck of a lady and I'm glad to know that people like her have such a profound influence and leave such a wonderful legacy behind. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. *Disappointing* By Cat Captain Well, I'm an NCIS and Pauley Perrette fan, but this cookbook was very disappointing. How many times can you offer basically the same scone recipe with only minor fruit, etc. ingredient changes. Recommend a pass and put your cookbook money somewhere more beneficial.

The heartwarming story of how NCIS star Pauley Perrette and her two best friends created a Southern-style bake shop in Manhattan; a celebration of love and friendship with gorgeous photographs and delicious recipes. Nestled in the heart of midtown New York is a little shop with a big story. An all-natural bake shop that specializes in Southern baked goods, Donna Bell's is owned by Pauley Perrette, the actress who plays Abby Sciuto on CBS's NCIS, and her two best friends, Darren Greenblatt and Matthew Sandusky. It was named in honor of Pauley's late mother, who is the beloved inspiration for everything they bake. It all started in 1993, when Pauley met Darren in New York City's Hell's Kitchen, just blocks away from where the shop is currently located. The two became inseparable friends and Pauley's Southern mom would welcome Darren to their home with mouthwatering treats. Darren loved this food and soon left his successful career in fashion to open a food truck that sold Southern desserts at the Jersey Shore. Eventually he wanted to expand and turned to Pauley and their friend Matthew; who worked in the Los Angeles food industry; for help. Soon Matthew was on his way to New York to open Donna Bell's Bake Shop with Pauley and Darren. With recipes for favorites like buttermilk biscuits, chocolate chip-almond scones, and peach streusel muffins; personal photographs from Pauley, Darren, Matthew, and Donna Bell herself; this is the story how one fantastic bake shop brings warmth and happiness; one treat at a time; to the urban jungle that is New York City.

About the Author Pauley Perrette is one of the top Q-rated actors in television and film and is on her twelfth season playing Abby on the #1 TV show NCIS. She is also a producer, director, philanthropist, activist, songwriter, singer, and writer. Pauley was raised all over the south but considers Alabama her hometown. She currently lives in Los Angeles. Darren Greenblatt was a creative entrepreneur in the fashion industry for over twenty years. Darren's exquisite talent for design and entrepreneurial spirit, coupled with being a lifelong foodie, was the spark that started Donna Bell's Bake Shop. Matthew Sandusky is coowner and head baker for Donna Bell's Bake Shop. Matthew's experience working in the food industry for many years and his natural talent for baking has helped Donna Bell's flourish. Excerpt. copy; Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Donna Bell's Bake Shop Donna Bell.