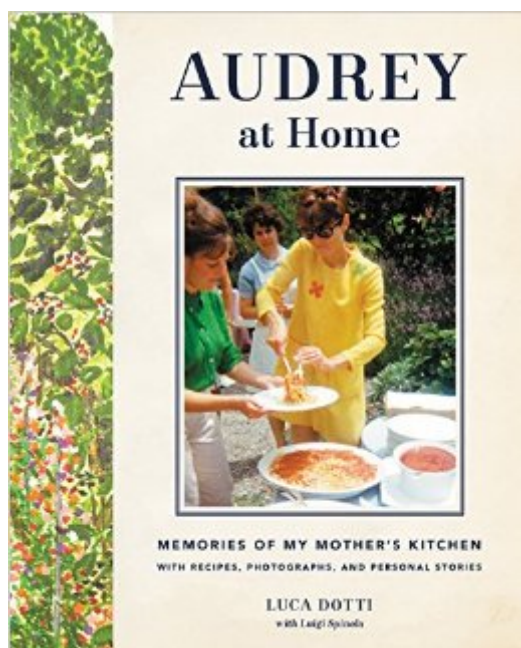


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Audrey At Home: Memories Of My Mother's Kitchen



Synopsis

New York Times Bestseller Enter Audrey Hepburn's private world in this unique New York Times bestselling biography compiled by her son that combines recollections, anecdotes, excerpts from her personal correspondence, drawings, and recipes for her favorite dishes written in her own hand, and more than 250 previously unpublished personal family photographs. Audrey at Home offers fans an unprecedented look at the legendary star, bringing together the varied aspects of her life through the food she loved—from her childhood in Holland during World War II, to her time in Hollywood as an actress and in Rome as a wife and mother, to her final years as a philanthropist traveling the world for UNICEF. Here are fifty recipes that reflect Audrey's life, set in the context of a specific time, including Chocolate Cake with Whipped Cream—a celebration of liberation in Holland at the end of the war; Penne alla Vodka—a favorite home-away-from-home dish in Hollywood; Turkish-style Sea Bass—her romance with and subsequent marriage to Andrea Dotti; Boeuf à la Cuillère—Givenchy's favorite dish, which she'd prepare when he'd visit her in Switzerland; and Mousse au Chocolat—dinner at the White House. Audrey also loved the basics: Spaghetti al Pomodoro was an all-time favorite, particularly when returning home from her travels, as was a dish of good vanilla ice cream. Each recipe is accompanied by step-by-step instructions, including variations and preparation tips, anecdotes about Audrey and her life, and a poignant collection of photographs and memorabilia. Audrey at Home is a personal scrapbook of Audrey's world and the things she loved best—her children, her friends, her pets. It is a life that unfolds through food, photographs, and intimate vignettes in a sophisticated and lovely book that is a must for Audrey Hepburn fans and food lovers.

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Customer Reviews

This book is a great narrative interspersed throughout with recipes that Audrey used or were recipes that the author - who is her son - remembered eating that were cooked by either Audrey's housekeeper or other relatives. It is structured to start when Audrey was young and each chapter covers some certain times of her life. The author writes interesting stories about Audrey's life and when listing the recipe, he always provides some interesting tidbits about when they usually ate the dish or how he remembered the taste, etc. There are tons of photographs that have never been published before showing Audrey in her private life. Since most of the photos have been taken personally by friends or family, don't expect them to look professionally done. But that is the beauty of this book - you feel as if you are reading a person's journal. This is not a coffee table book and make sure you note the size of the book -- its dimensions are similar to a large paperback. It is thick (lots of pages) and the paper quality is quite good. Obviously, most of us know her from seeing her in the movies but ultimately, she was also just a mom with a family. The recipes are not fancy -- just down-home cooking and relatively easy to make. Lots of Italian dishes. This book has lots of new information about Audrey that wasn't in her other son's book "Audrey Hepburn, An Elegant Spirit: A Son Remembers" by Sean Ferrer. This book delves more into her marriage and break-up with Dr. Andrea Dotti (Luca's father) and Audrey's relationship with her mother-in-law, among others. Nothing salacious; more of an explanation of why things worked and didn't work between Audrey and Andrea Dotti. The author speaks kindly - yet honestly - throughout the entire book.

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