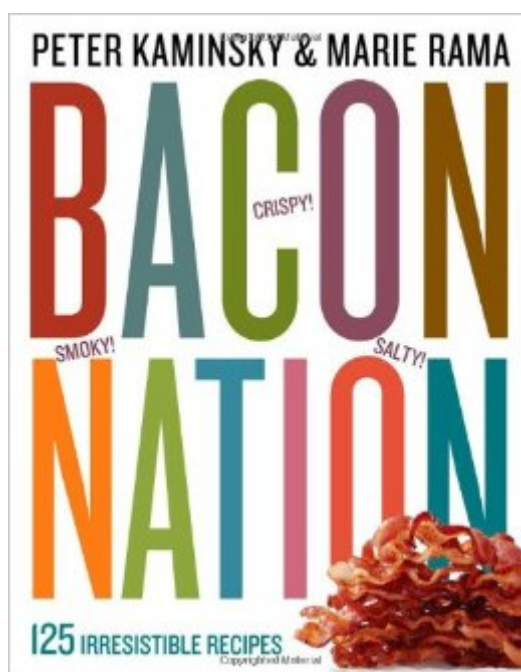


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Bacon Nation: 125 Irresistible Recipes



Synopsis

Everything tastes better with bacon. One of those flavor-packed, umami-rich, secret-weapon ingredients, it has the power to elevate just about any dish, from soups to soufflé's, braises to bread pudding. Peter Kaminsky and Marie Rama know just how to employ it. Peter is the author of both *Pig Perfect*—a paean to the noble swine—and, most recently, *Culinary Intelligence*, which argues that the healthiest way to eat is to eat less but really well. He and Marie know that adding irresistible bacon transforms an ordinary dish into an extraordinary one. *Bacon Nation* is a bacon-lover's dream, a collection of 125 smoky, savory, crispy, meaty, salty, and sweetly sensuous recipes that go right through the menu. Starters like Spiced Nuts with Bacon; Bacon and Butternut Squash Galette; Bacon, Pear, and Humboldt Fog Salad. Main courses featuring meats—Brawny Bacon Beef Bourguignon, Saltimbacon; poultry—Paella with Chicken and Bacon; fish—Flaky Cod Fillets with Bacon and Wine-Braised Fennel; and pasta, including an update of the classic Roman dish Bucatini alla Amatriciana. Even dessert: Rum Ice Cream with Candied Bacon Chips and Chocolate-Peanut-Bacon Toffee. Or, as Homer Simpson would say, Mmmm, bacon.

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Customer Reviews

If you like meat you probably LOVE bacon. What a versatile cut of meat it is from perhaps the most noblest of animals. The authors sum up bacon perfectly with the following phrase: "one of those flavour-packed, umami-rich, secret-weapon ingredients". A book like this will help even the most dedicated bacon-addict find something new and the initiated will find a totally new world is possibly being opened up to them. In what feels like a deceptively-small book, the authors have managed to cram in so much information, whether it is purchasing or cooking advice or ways to use bacon that

you might not have previously considered. This reviewer was surprised, but not disgusted, to note even recipes for bacon as a dessert... yum !This is not a book to read on an empty stomach. The great photography draws you in far too much for your (stomach's) own good. The text is engaging, informative and easy-going. This is a book you should, at least once, read through sequentially as you stand to miss so much otherwise. Where else might you read about using surplus bacon grease or fat to pop popcorn with? The book is written from a North American perspective so there might be some regional "linguistic differences" but at the end of the day bacon is bacon, no matter what you call it. The only danger with this book is that you might become a bit of a "bacon bore", dispensing pearls of wit and wisdom to the uninitiated within your social circle. Some of the recipes might appear to be a bit contrived but they do show the versatility of the dish and the extent of the authors' imaginations. Bacon swizzle sticks? Bacon Jam? Although should one knock it until one has tried it?

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