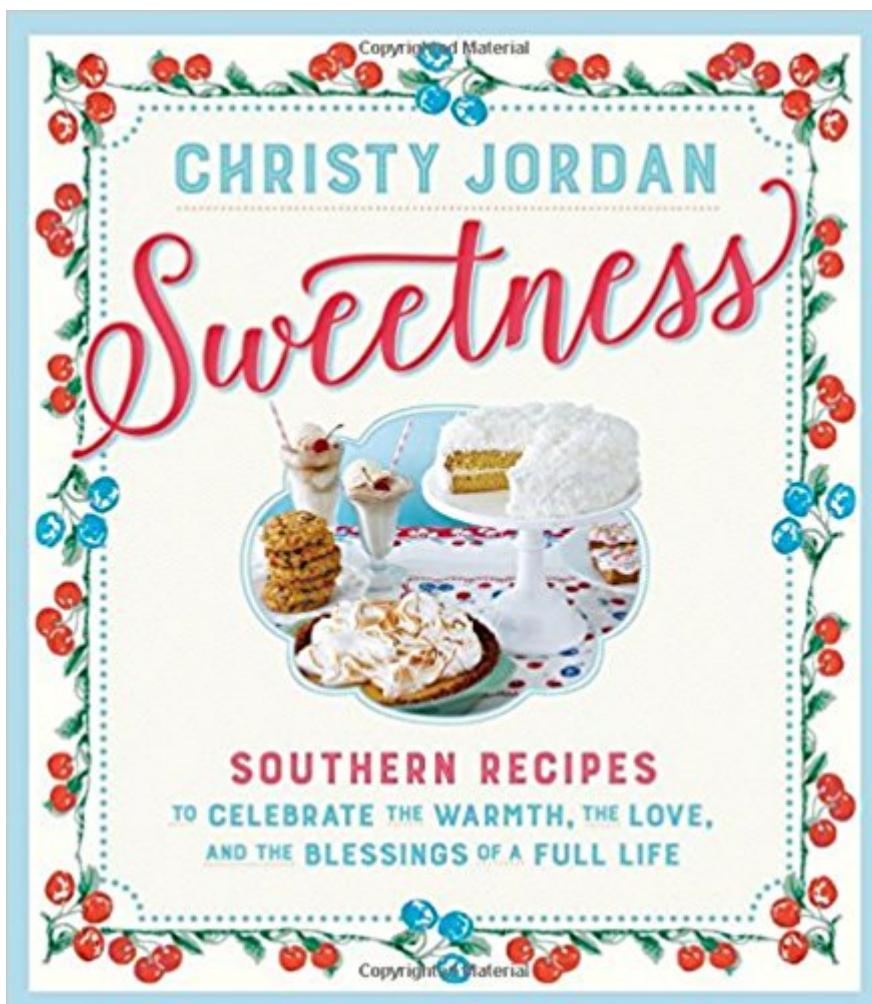


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# Sweetness: Southern Recipes To Celebrate The Warmth, The Love, And The Blessings Of A Full Life



## Synopsis

Celebrate the sweet spirit and taste of Southern hospitality with Christy Jordan, the voice of Southern cooking for a new generation. Sweetness is a memory made in our grandmother's kitchen. Sweetness is nights on the porch, listening to the old stories. Sweetness is welcoming guests with an open heart. And food: sustaining those same guests with Peach Buttermilk Pie. Greeting the kids and their friends after school with Chocolate Chip Dream Bars. Sitting in the shade with neighbors and cooling down with Blushing Apple Juleps. (Pour some for the little ones, too—there's no alcohol.) Or ending dinner on the high note of a Chocolate Chess Pie, because you always need a little something sweet to finish it off, whether a meal or a day. In Sweetness, Christy Jordan shares 197 recipes for sweet things to eat and drink—recipes that are deeply delicious, rich with tradition, often reaching through generations, and designed with today's hectic schedules in mind. Because life is just better when you add a little sweetness. 

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## Customer Reviews

“[Sweetness] will help even the most cynical baker warm to the straightforward, genuine tone and touching sentiment that permeate this title.”  Publishers Weekly  
“Filled with family stories and cheerful advice, this cookbook is a reasonably priced volume of easy-to-make sweets.”  Library Journal “Like a warm hug from Grandma, the recipes in Sweetness will bring comfort and joy, making it the perfect addition to any baker's bookshelf.”  Booklist

Christy Jordan is the author of Come Home to Supper and Southern Plate. She is also the publisher of SouthernPlate.com, which draws millions of visitors eager for her comfort food and warm, wise stories. For nine generations her family has enjoyed the sweetness of living in Huntsville, Alabama.

With Christy's cookbooks, you feel like you are sitting down with a good friend, and talking. You talk about days gone by and beloved family members, no longer here but never forgotten. You share joys and sorrows, and recipes! I have followed Christy for a long time now, and I would have purchased this book even if there were no recipes. I would have purchased it for the stories, for the memories brought forth of my own childhood, for the "feeling" deep inside. The recipes are a bonus, and they are wonderful indeed! Desserts are my weakness and there are plenty, divided up into categories...cookies, brownies and bars, cakes, pies, and more! I highly recommend this cookbook!

I love all of the books written by Christy Jordan and all of her recipes are delicious. I received my book yesterday and trying to decide what to make first. The stories that she has in the book are very inspirational and warm.

I've been following Christy's blog for some time now and she's just a joy! She makes you feel like you are swapping recipes over a glass of iced tea while savoring a dessert you haven't tasted in years. This is not only a great cookbook, but a sweet reminder of my childhood and learning to cook from the ladies in my family. The tried and true recipes are fantastic and I'm certain your family members will enjoy them as much as mine did trying them! My family enjoyed both recipes that I've tried so far, the Chocolate Chip Cookies and Peanut Butter Cheesecake Bars. However, we substituted chocolate chip cookie dough when we made them. Experiment with these and make them your own! Write in the margins, take notes, and put the names of who likes what beside them for future reference. Have fun in the kitchen!

I love Christy Jordan. What can I say, this is the third of her cookbooks that I have. I love her side notes and her family stories. She makes you feel like you are a part of the family by the way she draws you into the recipes with the way it's done. The recipes are easy to follow with ingredients you have in your closet. Tasty homestyle cooking from down south. Who can beat that!

This is a good cookbook; I had to give it 3 stars because the spine broke on it the DAY I purchased it and laid it out to make a surprise treat! So disappointed, I haven't had a book break for years, and it didn't take much for it to splay open. I opened the recipe, put a small cereal dish on it and it popped open. Really disappointed, it looks so crappy now. Pleased with the recipes, but I for one would pay for better printing with pages that can be opened and read without breaking!

Sweetness is a cookbook for your soul as well as your belly and taste buds. I love Christy Jordan's writing style. Each delicious recipe comes with a sweet memory from her childhood and so many of us can relate to that. Every recipe doesn't have a photo so some folks will balk/fuss about that. This book is Christy's heart and it is pure gold.

I received my copy of Sweetness in my mailbox last week. I sat down on the front porch with a glass of tea and started to read. This isn't just a cookbook. It is a beautifully written memoir of what it means to sit around the table with family and friends, enjoying those recipes that have been handed down and shared from generation to generation. I have laughed and I have cried as I've read Christy's heart-warming stories, which have triggered so many wonderful memories. The recipes are wonderful, but are just the icing on the cake. I bought two copies, but will be buying more to share. Cindy Haney Athens, Alabama

I've been anxiously awaiting this cookbook and it didn't disappoint! WOW! Not only is Christy Jordan a wonderful southern cook but her beautifully written memories and stories bring happy tears to my eyes as I also remember back to happy days gathered with loved ones who have long since left this world. I'm looking forward to trying each of the recipes and reminiscing about days gone by while I share all the delicious goodies and memories with family and friends. This book is one I will reach for again and again.

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