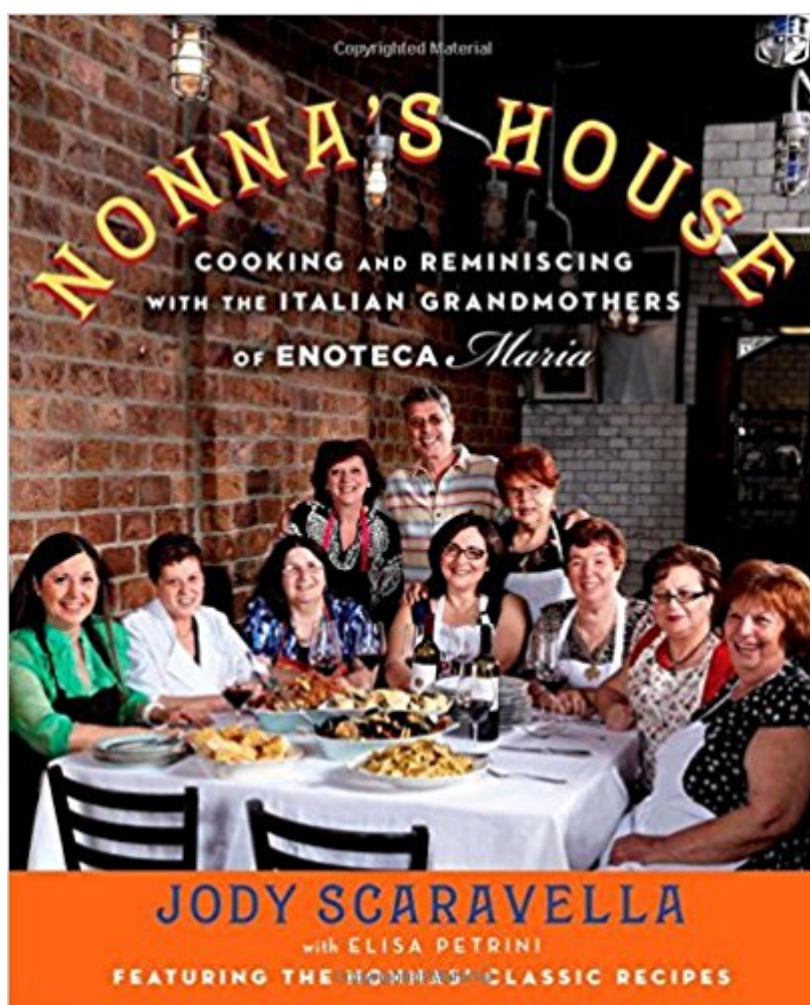


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Nonna's House: Cooking And Reminiscing With The Italian Grandmothers Of Enoteca Maria



Synopsis

This beautiful collection of food and nostalgia features great traditions from the heart of Italy, with delicious recipes and colorful stories from the internationally celebrated grandmothers of Enoteca Maria. Enoteca Maria is a one-of-a-kind Italian restaurant where a rotating cast of nonnas are the star chefs. Enoteca Maria takes great home cooking seriously. At this intimate, hospitable restaurant on Staten Island, all the cooking is done by ten nonnas (grandmothers), drawing on their own family recipes, handed down for generations, which reflect their regional traditions. Here are their delicious homemade pastas, risottos, desserts, and more, which have foodies from all over the world taking the ferry to the forgotten borough for an authentic taste of Italy. Beautiful full-color photography captures the fresh, distinctive flavors of these surprising dishes. Nonna Cristina shares her beautiful Risotto with Strawberries, Black Pepper, and Parmesan; Nonna Margherita offers delectable Stuffed Peppers with Pine Nuts and Raisins; and Nonna Teresa shows off her prize-winning Meat and Cheese Lasagna. Nonna Elvira whips up her peerless Linguine with Cuttlefish and Ink; Adelina creates a savory Tagliatelle with Pumpkin, Sausage, and Chestnuts; and Rosaria makes handmade Spaghetti alla Chitarra with Cherry Tomatoes and Porcini Mushrooms. Nonna Carmelina shares her classic Potato Pie with Ham, Salami, and Mozzarella; Rosa confides her nonna's secret recipe for Rabbit with Sage; and Nina sautés Chicken alla Capricciosa, with prosciutto and mushrooms. Nonna Francesca launches the book with advice on the time-honored art of preserving everything from olives to soppressata. With its utterly delicious tastes of grandmother's kitchen, Nonna's House is a legacy of flavors passed down through generations, now captured here forever. Restaurant founder Jody Scaravella says it best: "If I have a choice between a three-star Michelin chef's restaurant and Grandma's, I'm going to Grandma's. I'm going to the source."

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Customer Reviews

"This was much more than just a cookbook. It is filled with wonderful recipes and memories that will make you wish you grew up in a big Italian family. So grab your family, gather around the table, and get ready to enjoy some of the most mouth-watering food ever!" (Rita Reviews)

"There isn't another place quite like Enoteca Maria on either island • Manhattan or Staten. I certainly can't think of another restaurant whose specials are prepared by women hired to work only one night a week, making their own favorite dishes." (The Wall Street Journal)

One of "The Most Anticipated Cookbooks of Spring 2015" (EATER.COM)

"There are hundreds (thousands?!) of Italian cookbooks in print... But life stories of Italian grandmothers are a rarer read, and that is what we get in most of the memoirs sections about the grandmothers who cook at Enoteca Maria (named for the restaurateur's grandmother), life stories of real personalities, real people." (Italophile Book Reviews)

"There is no better gimmick than legitimacy, and Staten Island restaurateur Scaravella has found a way to multiply authentic Italian cuisine by a factor of 10. Behind the scenes of his eight-year-old eatery, Enoteca Maria, there are no award-winning celebrity chefs, but a rotation of 10 real-life Italian grandmothers (nonnas) serving up their ages-old family recipes. This rustic collection showcases over 100 of those dishes and also provides each chef's life story, told in her own words." (Publishers Weekly)

"It goes without saying, that having an Italian grandma in the kitchen is an essential resource. This book will be the one we turn to when we want authentic, home-style Italian cooking | a nostalgia-tinged book [with] moving personal stories." (Tastebook.com)

"Real Italian grandmothers • nonnas • sharing their most delicious recipes and favorite stories about food and family." (PARADE Magazine)

Jody Scaravella, or "Joe," is the creator of Enoteca Maria, which opened in 2007 on Staten Island, with its signature cooking by Italian grandmothers. The "nonnas" have captivated the media, not only in New York but nationally and abroad, and have appeared on the Today show, Rachael Ray, Fox & Friends, and CNN's Eatocracy, among other media.

My God, before going to bed tonight I picked up Nonna's House and couldn't put it down to then find myself in the kitchen cooking FRESH BASIL SAUCE on page 110, DELICIOUS!!!!, then on to MY NONNA'S TOMATO AND EGGPLANT SAUCE on page 111, EXQUISITE!!!! I was reading and cooking until four in the morning. Signor Scaravella you have presented a masterpiece/treasury of recipes, defiantly not the average Italian cookbook with a rehash of the usual recipes; you've presented a compendium of home style recipe being put in print for the first time. Bravo!! I have 3500 cookbooks in my library, most Italian, some from the States, some from Italy, others from other countries, I have a shelf for special stellar cookbooks, about ten, this book will be on that shelf!!! I'm to order another copy for my nephew and his wife who are newly married. Grazie Signor Scaravella, grazie!!!! ~Gian Banchero, Berkeley, California

I purchased this book as gift for my sister and I ended up reading a good portion of it before wrapping it up and giving it to her! We actually visited Enoteca Maria this past summer when Nonna Carmelina was cooking and we were delighted by the homestyle charm of the place. I immediately decided to purchase the cookbook for my sister since she's a chef and appreciates different styles of cooking. The Nonnas' stories are an added bonus to the delicious-looking recipes.

Can't wait to try all the recipes. Loved the short biographies of the Nonna's. Their culinary creations initially made for husbands, children and family is truly a labor of love.

I just received this book and already can not put it down. It has authentic recipes and real stories of real Nonnas who make real food from their own families regional traditions. Can't wait to cook most of these recipes.

Amazing recipes!!! It's like sitting with my nonna!! Beautiful photos, and the nonna stories are something special. This book will not just go on a shelf; it will have a place of honor in my kitchen!

Fun book to read and great receipes

Lovely book I like the history it gives of each 'chef' with their own recipes. Also I love Caponata, it is hard to find in local stores so now I know how to make it myself.

I heard a Public Radio call-in show about this book that prompted my purchase. A number of

recipes look very good and will be tried. Background stories about the different ladies are priceless. I'll make a point of visiting the restaurant if I ever go to Staten Island.

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