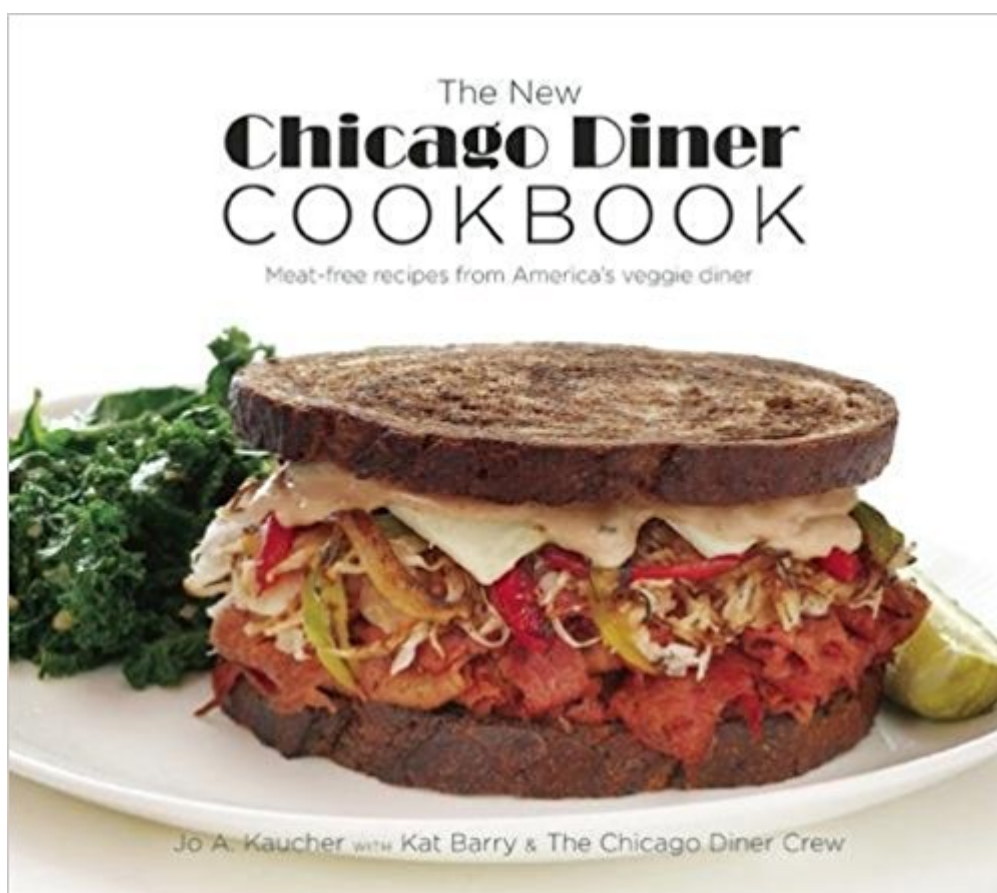


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The New Chicago Diner Cookbook: Meat-Free Recipes From America's Veggie Diner



Synopsis

Thirty years after opening, the Chicago Diner is still the Windy City's premier vegetarian eatery, now with two locations and a national fan base. In honor of this momentous anniversary, the Chicago Diner is releasing this new cookbook, reflecting the wealth of new recipes, vegetarian and vegan dining sensibilities, and anecdotes from the kitchen of this award-winning foodie favorite. In an attempt to eat healthier, Mickey Hornick became a regular at a local hippie haunt, the Breadshop Kitchen, where Jo Kaucher baked bread. One day, Hornick quit his job and took a position in Kaucher's kitchen as a dishwasher, despite his rudimentary knowledge of vegetables and warnings that the restaurant would soon go under. While Hornick and Kaucher were unable to save the Breadshop, they reunited to found the Chicago Diner. Predating the exponential growth of veggie-friendly dining in the 1990s and 2000s, the Chicago Diner set an example of how a successful vegetarian restaurant could thrive, even in meat-and-potatoes cities like Chicago. The Chicago Diner is a staple of the city's culinary scene, earning a Michelin Guide recommendation as well as numerous local and national accolades.

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Customer Reviews

Jo A. Kaucher, "Chef Jo," is the head chef and co-owner of the Chicago Diner, the landmark vegetarian restaurant that first opened its doors in 1983. She lives with Chicago Diner president and co-owner Mickey Hornick in Chicago. Kat Barry is a Michigan native, self-made chef, and founder of her own catering business. She became vegan in 2007. Because plant-based living so profoundly

improved her health, she is now passionately committed to educating and inspiring others to do the same. She is the business development specialist at The Chicago Diner.

Wonderful cookbook!! I have made 9 recipes thus far in the few weeks since I purchased the book and they have all been great!!! I have been a vegan for 5+ years and I am always looking for new and tasty recipes which can sometimes be difficult. I read about the restaurant and the cookbook in VEG magazine so I decided to give it a try. My husband is excited to have some new dishes to try and after each and every one has said, "this is a keeper"! The recipes are very easy to prepare and don't require a lot of ingredients that you won't already have on hand. You won't be disappointed with this book!!

It's got just what I like in a cookbook: good mix of basic standby recipes and "special occasion" dishes. The directions and recipes are clear and precise, there's lots of gorgeous food photographs, and plenty of suggestions for variations. The ingredients are things that are readily available for most people, and make good use of pantry and spice-rack staples. I've been slowly working my way through the recipes, and the ones I've tried have all been good. I like their unique additions to setian dough - Why didn't I ever think of adding celery salt? - and the "corned beef" seasoning works great to recreate their Radical Reuben. Other standouts: Tofu "Fish" Sandwich with tartar sauce and their vegan Ranch dressing. I've also tried several of the sauces and side dishes, all with success. I can't wait to get to the Bibimbap!

I'm torn. I think some of the recipes call for ingredients that I would not normally have in my pantry because I have no other use for them. For me, that's enough to take it down to 4 stars - but it also has a recipe for making your own zeitan, and another for Mezcal Mule, which brings it back up to 5 stars. It's worth your time and money if you are an experimental cook like me, and really enjoy gourmet quality vegetarian foods. This is all for now. I have to go shopping to find Pita Chip Seasoning and mezcal.

I love the Chicago Diner and, since I no longer live in Chicago, I miss it dearly. This cookbook is just what I needed. I've only had it a couple of days and have already made a few of the recipes. - The Radical Reuben is amazing - Recipes are easy to follow and don't call for much more than what most vegetarians/vegans already have in the pantry. Highly recommend this cookbook.

Yum. And, yum some more. This is a great vegan cookbook for comfort food. I live in Chicago and love the Diner so I'm bias. But, it's seriously a great book.

I love this book!.. so many secrets revealed. We made their seitan and it is definitely worth the work. We have made several recipes all were great and loved by vegans and meaty meat eaters!

I didn't even know this existed until I was craving one of their Reuben's and this popped up, I don't know why I thought it would be a thicker hardcover like the minimalist baker or thug kitchen books but I love it all the same

Best cookbook!! If you haven't gone to the diner, you should. It's fabulous and being able to make this stuff at home is priceless!

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