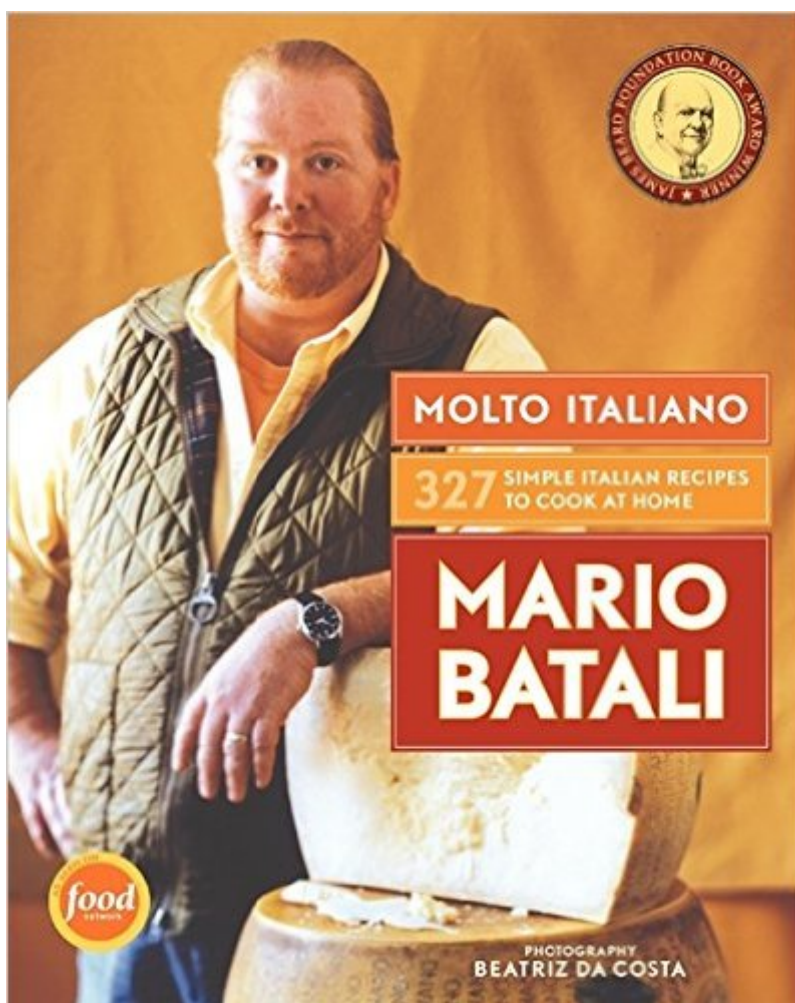




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Molto Italiano: 327 Simple Italian Recipes To Cook At Home



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

It takes a kind of genius or obsessive personality to open five successful

restaurants, host two Food Network shows and write three cookbooks, and Batali's manic energy comes alive on every page of this fourth book devoted to dishes for the home cook. With over 300 recipes, the volume is an overstuffed celebration of the rustic local fare Batali loves, organized by course (antipasto, soup, pasta, fish, etc.). Fans will find repeat renditions of signature Batali dishes found in his earlier volumes, such as Short Ribs in Barolo, and Bucatini all'Amatriciana, but can also discover tantalizing new ones, such as Malloredus with Fennel, Game Hen with Pomegranate, and Lamb Shanks with Orange and Olive. Batali excels when he translates complex traditional dishes for the modern kitchen, such as Pork Loin in the Style of Porchetta. But in his desire to keep things "simple," he sometimes goes astray, as in the case of homemade sausage, which is reduced to two not-very-simple steps of instructions. Such compression threatens to undermine Batali's true passion for teaching Americans to savor the intense flavors of local ingredients simply prepared. All in all, the book tries to pack in too much; the two pasta sections would make a book in themselves. What the home cook really needs is more Mario, fewer recipes. Photos, drawings. (May) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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You can't go wrong with ol' Malto Mario. The recipes are straight forward, though you might have a hard time finding ingredients depending on where you live and the season. It helps if you know a little formal technique, but that's true with any cook book. I would also use this as a coffee table book, because the photos are amazing.

This appears to be the best and most thorough of his Italian recipe cookbooks. It is filled with excellent and easy to understand recipes that taste authentic and great!

Looking for a book to help get me started on making fresh pasta. This fit the bill brilliantly. Easy to understand and surprisingly straight forward. Recipes tried thus far are very good- glad I purchased it.

This is arguably the most physically beautiful cookbook I have ever seen. The photography is intense and dramatic, the layout is spectacular, and we haven't even gotten to the recipes yet! Mario is Mario -- as anyone who has watched his FoodTV programs already knows. His casual air makes preparation of classic Italian food look easy and accessible to anyone. Well, ya know what? With this book it is. He writes the recipes so that anyone who can read can cook. The recipes are clear, well-thought-out, and non-intimidating. Perhaps the best thing for me, personally, was recipes I had never seen before -- for food we have eaten in Emilia-Romano and at homes of friends in Italy. Now, I can bring it all home! Tonight, it is the exquisite and light Lasagna alla Bolognese al Forno -- first cooked for us in a special small hotel in Loiano. Mario speaks of 'Italian Grandma' cooking -- and this is what we had. Grandma in the kitchen, daughter serving, and granddaughter at the desk, welcoming people. Grandma has no English, but her cooking speaks volumes. She will not be forgotten. Much of what she fed us appears in Mario's book, and will soon be on my table. I own, and use, the cookbooks from all the noted experts of Italian Cuisine -- Mario and Lidia are enough. I will never resell this book -- it is a treasure.

This has become our go to cookbook. The recipes are fantastic and full of flavor. We love so many of the dishes with only one dish (Risotto with Mushrooms and Vin Santo) seeming like it needed more flavor? "Shrimp from the Devil Priest" is fantastic and great to serve to company. The section on fowl has many favorite go to recipes. Some recipes in the seafood section have fish that are difficult to find, but there are plenty others that make up for it. We use this book several times a month.

Classic Mario. His food is always great and this one is no different. Get this if you want less complicated recipes

Great Deal! Great Product! Great Service!

I received Mario Bateli's Molto Italiano as a gift. And a nice gift it was! There are some recipes in the book that are not so simple. However, there are others that can be both easy to make and quite tasty! One example: Frittata with Spinach and Cheese. I have made frittatas before, but this recipe is very interesting and is a lot tastier than what I have made previously. Spinach, onion, eggs, grated parmigiano-reggiano. Simple components and a tasty result. Other relatively easy to make dishes include: spaghetti with green olive sauce, penne with cauliflower, chicken hunter's style, Roman style artichokes, broccoli sautéed in wine and garlic, stuffed cabbage, potatoes roasted with garlic cloves. I'm not a dessert person, so the interesting dessert dishes at the end aren't so intriguing to me as some other reviewers. However, some of these do look like they would be tasty for those enjoying homemade deserts. All in all, some of the recipes are a little more challenging than I am interested in tackling. However, many more are eminently doable and tasty in the process. This cookbook is worth a look for those interested in homemade Italian cuisine.

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