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# Sweet Maria's Italian Cookie Tray: A Cookbook



## Synopsis

Sweet Maria's Italian Cookie Tray presents sixty-five recipes for the delicious, festive cookies that brighten every Italian home, at the holidays and all year-round. Maria Bruscano Sanchez opened Sweet Maria's bakery when she was just twenty-six years old, specializing in authentic Italian cookies and cakes made from handed-down family recipes. The result has been a booming business, and this very special cookbook. The irresistible recipes range from drop, molded and filled cookies; biscotti; taralle and biscuits; pizzelles, and more. Easy to prepare and perfect for any occasion (or no occasion at all) they include: Chocolate Almond Macaroons, Pignoli Nut Cookies, Amaretto Biscotti Sesame Cookies, Almond Crescents, Lemon Drop Cookies, Chocolate Puffs, Florentines, Lady Fingers, Sweet Ravioli Cookies, Christmas Honey Clusters, Angel Wings, Cinnamon Nut Bars, and more. Whether you grew up in an Italian home or just wish you did, this wonderful collection is sure to become a cookie lover's favorite--one you will return to again and again.

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## Customer Reviews

Having grown up in Connecticut amid its wonderful Italian bakeries, I was thrilled to find this cookbook. The fact that the author owns an Italian bakery in Waterbury was enough of a recommendation for me. So far, I have made seven of the cookie recipes, and have enjoyed them all. The only problem I had was running out of pine nuts for the Pignoli cookies. I'll buy twice as many, next time! One reviewer complained about the lack of photos in the book, so I am posting my own.

I was thrilled to find this book. There's something special about an Italian cookie bakery with the variety of designs and flavors. I tried four recipes. Two were good but were similar to recipes I already had: Coconut Macaroons and Anise cookies. The other two were failures: the Florentines were so thin that they separated from the almonds and the Sesame cookies were inedibly bitter. Many of the recipes use the same base ingredients which makes for easy preparation but somewhat redundant taste. I wished for the more elaborate cookies. My biggest issue was the lack of photos for visual guidance. Also appearance is a huge part of Italian cookies. I'm sure that the absence of photos kept the cost of printing down but it was a false economy. I will try more recipes in this book but will also look for others with more instruction.

THIS BOOK WAS ONE OF THE EASIEST BAKING COOKBOOKS THAT I'VE EVER COME ACROSS. IT WAS VERY SIMPLISTIC. I TRIED ALMOST EVERY RECIPE IN THE BOOK AND WAS VERY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS AS WAS MY STEP-FATHER WHO IS FROM ITALY. THE BISCOTTI WAS THE BEST!!!!

These recipes are for cookies just like my Italian grandmother use to make. They are authentic, accurate, and great.

Well written, nice selection of traditional Italian cookies, just what I was looking for. So far, I've made the biscotti and the sesame cookies and both were delicious. My only complaint is that the ingredients list is printed in a tiny font that is very hard to read and makes it easy to make a mistake on measuring - so read the measurements carefully. If not for that I'd have given it 5 stars.

This is a fantastic cookbook. I am Italian and did not write down all the recipes I should have and have been looking for a simple book. I read all the reviews and the biggest objection is the lack of pictures. Well I appreciate the price of the book and believe pictures would push it up. If the cookie looks fine to you and your family then rejoice. I have other books that put extra gourmet ingredients that do not improve the taste enough to warrant their infusion. One cookie we always baked at Christmas is the Cherry x-mas cookie. We have added other ingredients to make them even more festive such as chocolate chips, pineapple chunks and coconut. Love this book!

This is probably the best and most frequently used cookie cookbook in my collection. The recipes

are authentic Italian style cookies similar to what you would find in a good Italian bakery or coming out of grandma's oven. Maria gives interesting little anecdotes with almost every cookie recipe. I have tried almost every cookie in the book and have not been disappointed yet. With the holidays approaching, this is definitely a cookbook worth owning.

I was very excited to get baking once I got this book. It includes a nice variety of cookies. I think it would be a helpful aid if pictures were included. For example, the Almond Crescents recipe calls for the dough to be shaped like a horseshoe - not quite a crescent. I was just curious what the author's cookie looked like. I do think the recipes are wonderful and can easily be adapted for your personal taste. I think this book will make a delightful addition to any baker's repertoire.

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