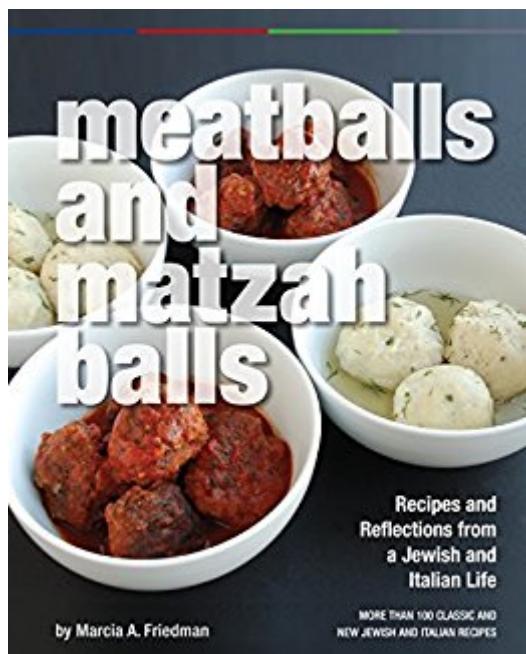


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# Meatballs And Matzah Balls: Recipes And Reflections From A Jewish And Italian Life



## **Synopsis**

When writer and home cook Marcia Friedman converted to Judaism, her journey to connect with Jewish history and culture naturally led to her kitchenâ "already a touchstone to the Italian-American foods of her childhood growing up with a half Sicilian father. Thus began Meatballs and Matzah Balls, Friedmanâ ™s endeavor to explore the union of Jewish and Italian life through food and to recreate, as well as reinterpret, classics and craft her own Italian Jewish food tradition. In Meatballs and Matzah Balls Friedman shares reflections on her childhood, family, and exploration of Jewish and Italian culture that made her the person and cook she is today. This Jewish-Italian kosher cookbook features full-color photographs and more than 100 kosher recipes, many of which are perfect for entertaining and holidays, including Passover. This book makes an especially meaningful gift to those new to Judaism and Jewish cooking and also a great hostess gift.

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a fantastic book! The recipes relatively simple to follow, and everything tastes amazing. The author clearly loves these recipes - her presence is felt throughout the book. There are recipes for every occasion! I can't wait to make more of the dishes! The sweet onion risotto with feta is out of

this world.

"Meatballs & Matzah Balls" is more than a collection of great recipes (too many excellent choices to single out any one...well, maybe the Peach Sangria deserves a quick mention!). Marcia also provides a fascinating narrative of two cultural cuisines merging together, quite happily and successfully, with a tone that is at once warm and inviting. An added benefit to learning about and making her food is how one's thoughts turn naturally to fond memories of one's own family foods and traditions, and realizing how much they matter.

The recipes are great but what really makes them special are the personal stories the author has included in each section. She has so many interesting experiences and reflections on what it means to grow up Italian and then discover the Jewish heritage later in life. I bought this book for several friends who converted to Judaism when they got married and also for one couple that has a great Italian-Jewish marriage like Marcia and her husband. They have already made several of the recipes and called to say how much they liked them. I'll probably get more of these books for friends next year at Passover or at the end of the year for the holidays.

I really enjoyed this book. The stories are touching, the recipes are delicious, and the photographs are beautiful. After my friend saw my copy, I gave her one as a birthday present, then she bought one for one of her friends! I hope more people check this book out. You can tell there was a lot of love put into it.

This is the first cookbook that I have read from front to back. I first read each story for every section. Then I started to read the recipes. I love this cookbook as it is easy to use. The recipes are easy but delicious. The flavors are outstanding and I get amazing comments on my cooking. I changed some of my long standing recipes to the ones in this book. I plan to keep trying more recipes out of Meatballs and Matzah Balls. This is my go-to gift when visiting friends.

This is a wonderful cookbook with delicious recipes that are easy to follow. You can tell that this cookbook was a labor of love. The recipes come alive with the beautiful photography and the personal stories throughout the cookbook make it very special and unique. I highly recommend Meatballs and Matzah Balls and it would make a wonderful gift as well. Thank you Marcia!

I really enjoy this cookbook. I've tried many of the recipes and they've all turned out great. I especially like the personal stories behind the recipes, as they add a narrative you don't often find in cookbooks. My wife is gluten-free and loves the Rich Flourless Brownie recipe - it's her "go to" dessert dish! I highly recommend "meatballs and matzah balls" to anyone looking to try new and delicious recipes!

I love this book! If you're looking for a cookbook that helps you easily impress your guests (and your family)...this is the one. With each course, the author uses the freshest ingredients and blends two delicious cultures - integrating traditional Italian and Jewish influences - to take you on a journey of wonderful dishes and memories that surprise and delight. The recipes are inventive, yet easy to follow, helping the most amateur cook appear adventurous and gourmet. Imagine serving Gnocchi at Seder, Risotto with Feta, Matzeh-rella Pizza, and the most luscious Latkes you'll ever taste. Two of my favorites have to be the Lemon-Ricotta Pancakes with Limoncello Cream and the Bittersweet Chocolate Torta - both to die for yet simple. I'm thrilled to have this wonderful little book in my library as it brings back fond memories after growing up in a similar warm, loving, Italian family that cherished tradition and lived for long, lingering meals with good friends and great food.

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